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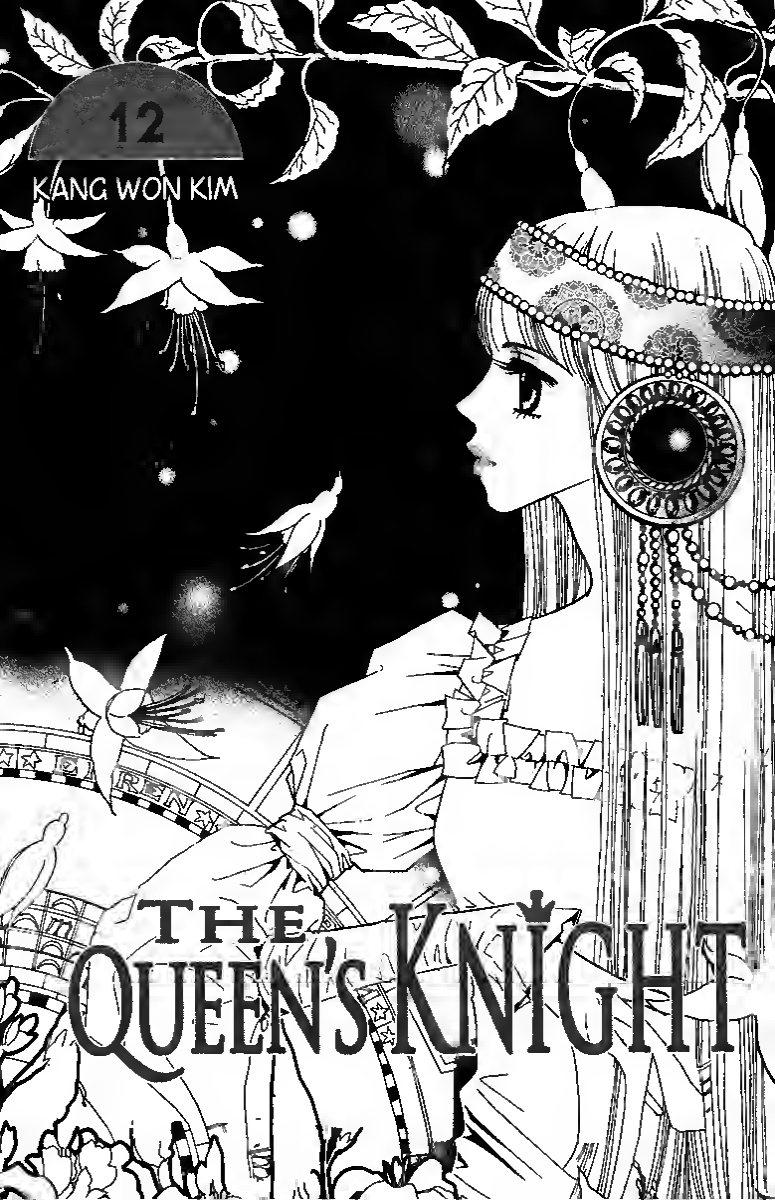
Yuna is a normal girl who visits her mother in Germany when a terrible disaster befalls her. After she returns home from her accident, she begins to have strange dreams. In her dream, a knight who calls himself "Rieno" tells Yuna that she is his Queen and that he is her knight. Yuna's brothers send her back to Germany, where she meets the knight from her dreams--who then promptly kidnaps her, taking her to Phantasma.

Phantasma is a world covered entirely with snow, and Yuna is forced to live with Rieno. But just when Yuna was getting used to being with him, spring arrives, and Yuna is taken to Elysian to be properly installed as the Queen of Phantasma. Once there, Yuna befriends the Queen's Guardian Knights, Ehren, Leon and Schiller, the hateful Chancellor Kent, as well as the Queen's rival, Princess Libera.

Yuna almost immediately begins to shake things up, as she not only repeals the taxes and declares slavery illegal, but insists on creating new policies and institutions like schools and hospitals.

As she settles into her new gig as the queen, she discovers that the queen's main duty is to maintain springtime in Phantasma and that can only be done if she's happily in love. As all her predecessors had fallen for Rieno, who would never reciprocate the sentiment, spring had all eventually come to an end... till now. Speculators, and even Yuna herself, are convinced that Yuna's object of amore is Ehren and that this is fantastic news for Phantasma as spring can be eternal again.

Later, Yuna learns of the doomed romance between Rieno and Eli, the Queen before her. At the same time, Ehren gets a brief history lesson of Phantasma and how Rieno, when he reaches age nineteen, will come to rule the land as lord of darkness. In order to prevent such travesty, Ehren is entrusted with a critical assignment. He must persuade Queen Yuna to drive the Mistletoe Wooden Dagger into Rieno's heart...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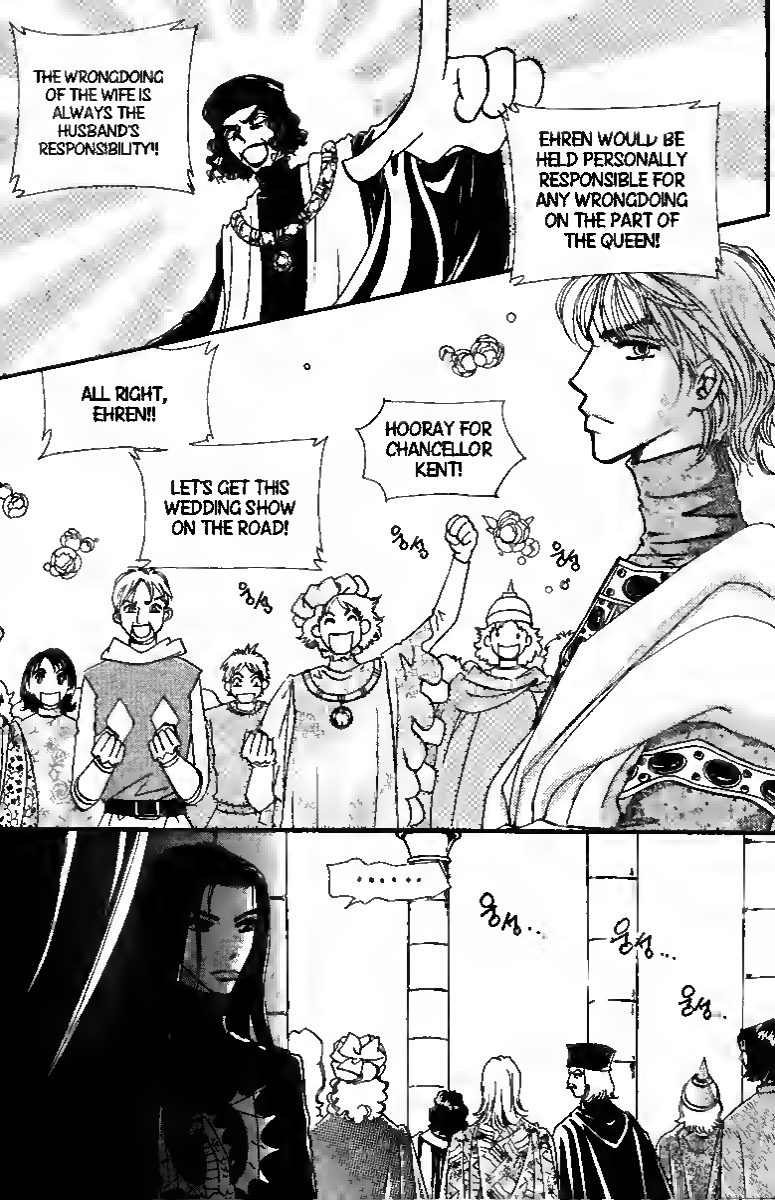
ONE AFTERNOON, CHANCELLOR KENT CALLED TOGETHER A MEETING OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AND ALL OF THE LIEGE LORDS...
ALTHOUGH THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST THE MANY CONFLICTS THAT HAD OCCURRED IN PHANTASMA RECENTLY...

THE SOLUTION TO ALL OF THESE PROBLEMS IS TO MARRY THE QUEEN OFF IMMEDIATELY!!
...CHANCELLOR KENT WAS ONCE AGAIN OVERDOING IT. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF HIS SENSITIVITY TO HIS NEPHEW EHREN'S RAPIDLY RISING POPULARITY.


THE WRONGDOING OF THE WIFE IS ALWAYS THE HUSBAND'S RESPONSIBILITY!!
EHREN WOULD BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY WRONGDOING ON THE PART OF THE QUEEN!
ALL RIGHT, EHREN!!
LET'S GET THIS WEDDING SHOW ON THE ROAD!
HOORAY FOR CHANCELLOR KENT!
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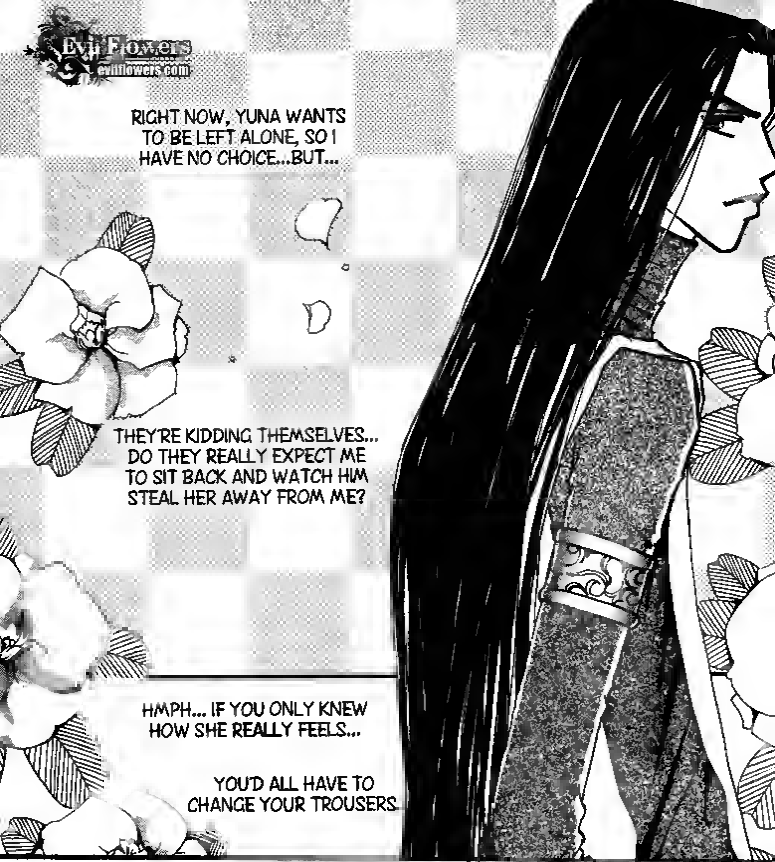
RIGHT NOW, YUNA WANTS TO BE LEFT ALONE, SO I HAVE NO CHOICE...BUT...
THEY'RE KIDDING THEMSELVES... DO THEY REALLY EXPECT ME TO SIT BACK AND WATCH HIM STEAL HER AWAY FROM ME?
HMPH... IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW SHE REALLY FEELS...
YOU'D ALL HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR TROUSERS.

You know there's a duel, rite?
The biggest tree on the hyll next to the northern gate of the palace. During Yuvia's the Queen's snak time
This tree
Forest
Palace
HEY! WHAT GIVES?!
SORRY, LEON, FOR MAKING YOU INTO A FOOL...
WHAT IS THIS? IT EVEN HAS PICTURES...
EQUAL LEVELS OF WRITING AND DRAWING SKILL...
MAN, WHERE IS SCHILLER WHEN I NEED HIM?!
I CAN'T ASK ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THIS...
WELL, AS LONG AS I GET MY POINT ACROSS...
IF HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS EVEN AFTER ALL I'VE DONE, HE'S A MORON!
I HOPE NO ONE ELSE SAW THIS.
UH...SIR LEON DEMANDED THAT I BRING BACK A RESPONSE FROM YOU...
I DOUBT HE'D BE ABLE TO READ MY NOTE EVEN IF I DID RESPOND
TELL HIM THAT I UNDERSTAND

I CAN'T FORGIVE HER...!
NEVER...
PLINK
EVER...
HER DECEPTION IS DEEPER NOW THAN EVER BEFORE...
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THE QUEEN AND RIENO HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP?
NOT JUST THAT...
FOR RIENO TO SAY SUCH A THING...
IF I JUST HAVE YOU...
...I DON'T CARE IF ETERNAL WINTER COMES...
HE LOOKED AS THOUGH HE WERE A LOST PUPPY BEGGING AT HER FEET! HOW IS SUCH A THING POSSIBLE?!
THEY HAVE SHAMELESSLY DECEIVED US ALL!
NOT TO MENTION HER GROWTH...! IF SHE HAS THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH RIENO...WHAT IS EHREN, THEN?!

WHAT IS THIS UNFAMILIAR, COMPLICATED ENERGY YOU ARE PROJECTING?
LIBERA...
YOU HAVE BEEN NEGLECTING US. SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED.
SISTERS...!
WE'VE HEARD THAT THE QUEEN HAS GROWN AND THAT EHREN LOVES THE QUEEN. WHAT TROUBLES YOU?

THE QUEEN'S GROWTH...!
THE QUEEN'S GROWTH ISN'T BECAUSE OF EHREN!
WHAT?
WHAT ABOUT IT?
FINE, GO AND TELL WHAT YOU JUST SAW.
HA! ACK!
IF YOU OPEN THAT MOUTH OF YOURS, YOU'LL BE IN FOR MUCH WORSE THAN WHAT I JUST DID!
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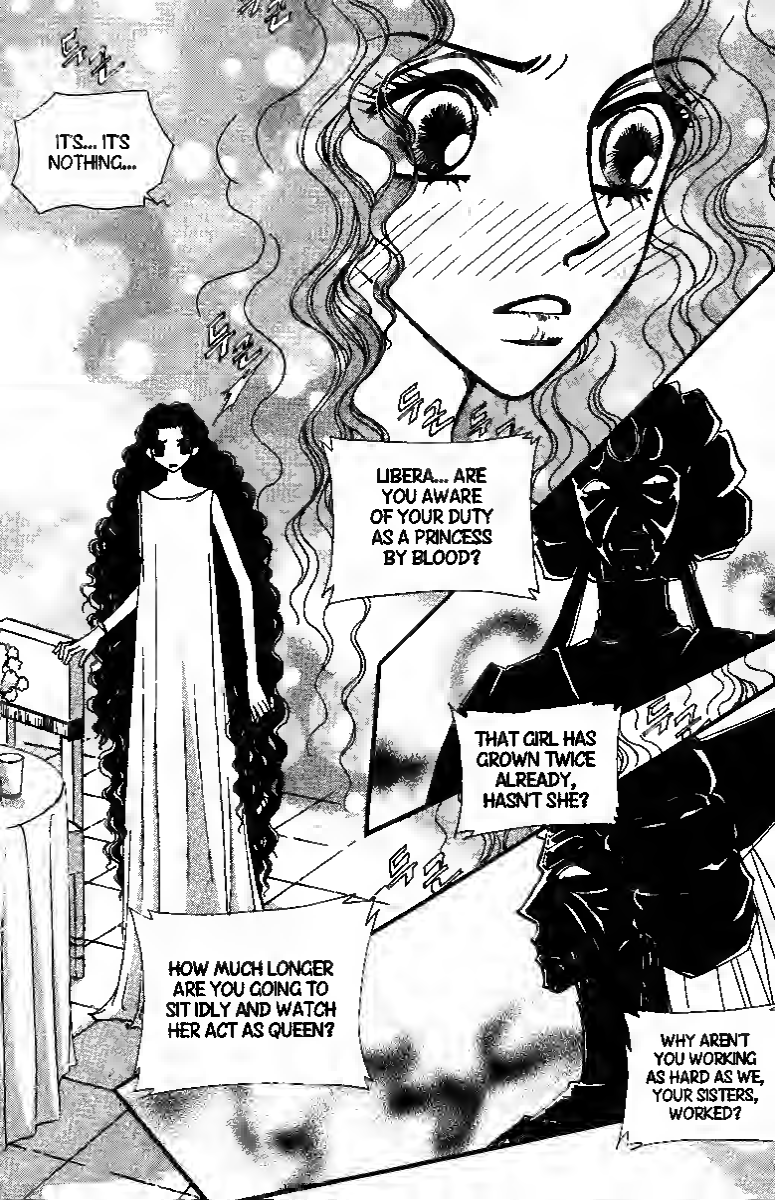
ITS... ITS NOTHING...
LIBERA... ARE YOU AWARE OF YOUR DUTY AS A PRINCESS BY BLOOD?
THAT GIRL HAS GROWN TWICE ALREADY, HASN'T SHE?
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GOING TO SIT IDLY AND WATCH HER ACT AS QUEEN?
WHY AREN'T YOU WORKING AS HARD AS WE, YOUR SISTERS, WORKED?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE SUFFERING AND SACRIFICE WE ENDURED FOR THE SAKE OF OUR GROWTH?!
WE MAY HAVE FAILED--BUT NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN!
THERE ARE PLENTY OF MEN...BUT YOU MUST GROW, EVEN IF IT MEANS THAT YOU MUST USE THE STRENGTH OF BLACK MAGIC TO DO SO...
I WANT TO GROW TOO...
SO MUCH...
BUT...I DON'T WANT TO CARRY ON A RELATIONSHIP WITH JUST ANY GUY!
DO I HAVE TO GRO BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY, EVEN IF IT MEANS I MUST USE BLACK MAGIC?
MY SISTERS WERE OVERCOME BY IT, AND IT DROVE THEM INTO RUIN!
WHAT EXACTLY...IS TRUE LOVE? DOES IT REALLY CAUSE GROWTH?
HOW DESPERATE AND PASSIONATE DOES MY LOVE HAVE TO BE IN ORDER FOR IT TO HAPPEN?
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OH MY...!! PRINCESS, HAVE YOU HEARD?
WHAT?
MY GOODNESS... WHAT IN THE WORLD? SIR EHREN AND SIR LEON ARE FIGHTING A DUEL!
AND THE QUEEN IS IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL! A LOVE TRIANGLE...
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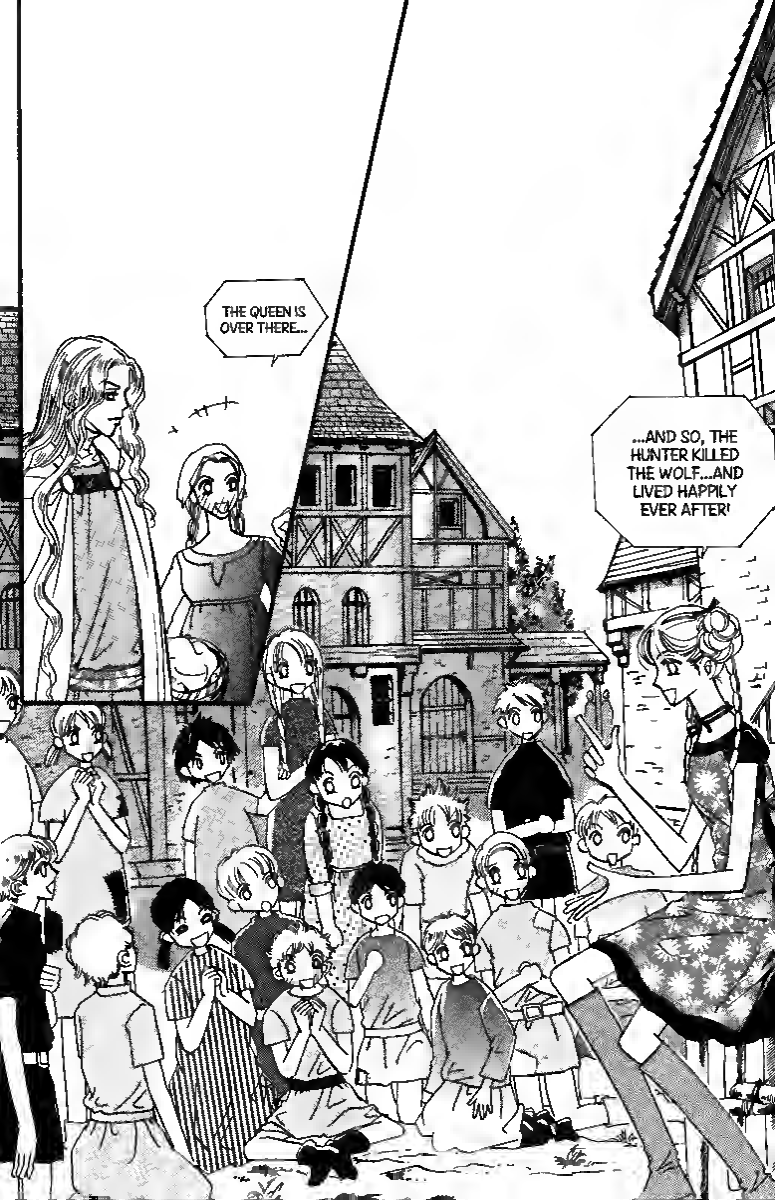
ISN'T IT FUNNY?
TWITCH


THE QUEEN IS OVER THERE...
...AND SO, THE HUNTER KILLED THE WOLF...AND LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER!

OH, SCHILLER! WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SEE YOUR GRANDFATHER.
DID YOU LISTEN WELL, CHILDREN?
YOUR MAJESTY, YOU'RE VERY POPULAR...
AMONG THE CHILDREN, YOU MEAN...
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OH MY... THAT'S ONE OF THE GUARDIAN KNIGHTS FROM THE PALACE...
WOW...
I WAS JUST IMITATING MY KINDERGARTEN TEACHER...TELLING STORIES...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU PERSUADED THE MOTHERS TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.
WELL, THE PARENTS SEEM TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN.
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THE CONSTRUCTION TO RESTORE THE BUILDING IS UNDERWAY...AND MY HEART IS MORE AT PEACE HERE THAN WHEN I'M IN THE PALACE...
WE'RE GIVING FOOD AWAY TO PEOPLE, TOO.
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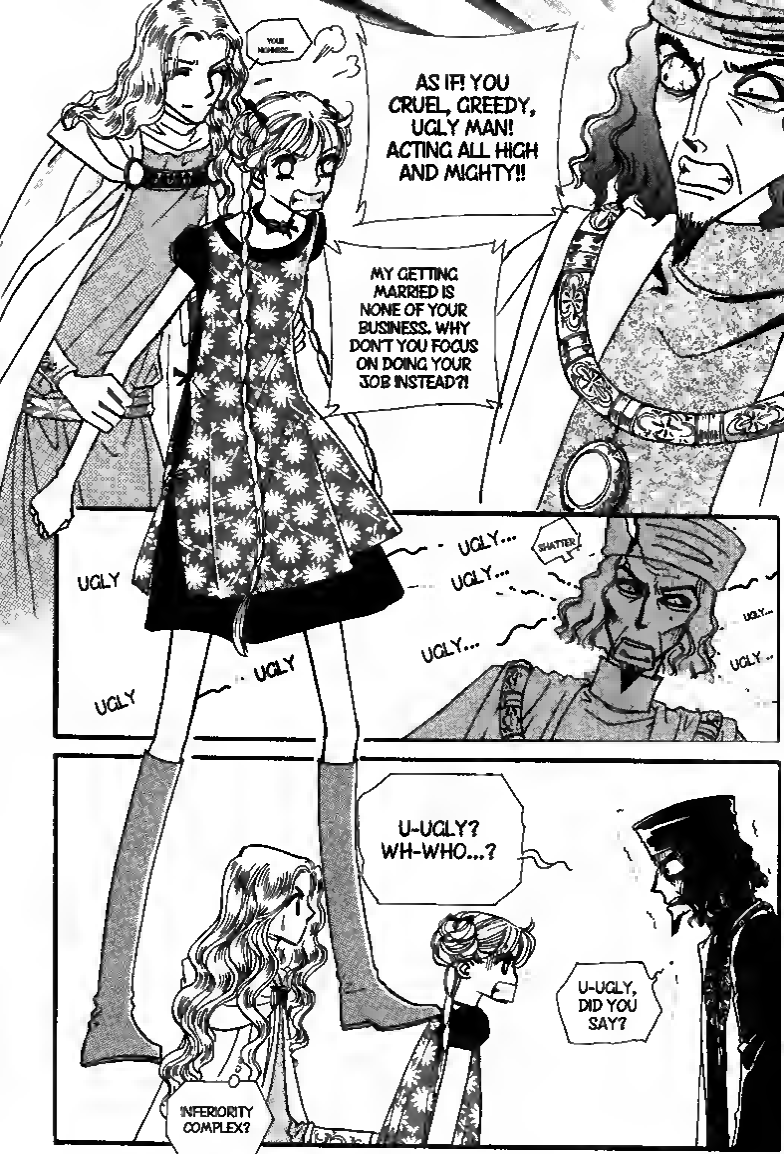
WHEN I'M ALONE...
...I'M AFRAID RIENO MIGHT SUDDENLY APPEAR...
AND IF HE DOES...I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO.

WELL, THAT MAY BE, BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE WITHOUT ANY PROTECTION?
OH, THAT...
WHERE ARE LEON AND EHREN?
ACK!
CHANCELLOR KENT--WAIT A MINUTE!!
TROT
TROT
TROT

WHAT...SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER?
WHY HAVEN'T YOU SIGNED THE DOCUMENTS I SPOKE TO YOU ABOUT?!
IT TAKES MONEY TO FEED AND CLOTHE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BECOME HOMELESS, YOU KNOW!!
YOU WANT TO USE THE NATIONAL TREASURY FOR THESE TRIVIALITIES? HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY?
IM CRAZY?! YOU'RE THE FRUITCAKE AROUND HERE, BUDDY!
THOSE PEOPLE HAVE NOTHING TO WEAR. ARE YOU BLIND?
THOSE PEOPLE WERE LIVING THAT WAY BEFORE.
WHY DON'T YOU STOP MEDDLING IN USELESS AFFAIRS AND SIT QUIETLY UNTIL YOU GET MARRIED?
WHAT?!


YOUR HIGHNESS...
AS IF! YOU CRUEL, GREEDY, UGLY MAN! ACTING ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY!!
MY GETTING MARRIED IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. WHY DON'T YOU FOCUS ON DOING YOUR JOB INSTEAD?!
UGLY
UGLY
UGLY
UGLY...
UGLY...
UGLY...
SHATTER
U-UGLY?
WH-WHO...?
U-UGLY, DID YOU SAY?
!INFERIORITY COMPLEX?

WHADDAYA MEAN, WHO? DON'T YOU OWN A MIRROR?
O-OH YEAH? WELL, DO YOU KNOW THAT YOUR KNIGHTS, WHO ARE DUELING AS WE SPEAK...
...ARE DOING SO OVER THE UGLIEST QUEEN IN THE HISTORY OF PHANTASMA?
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WHAT? WHO'S DUELING?
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. GO AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

I MUST BE A GENIUS FOR FINDING THIS PLACE...
HEY, IDIOT... THERE'S MORE THAN ONE HILL WITH A TREE ON IT!

AN ARMY OF INTERPRETERS COULDN'T DECIPHER YOUR LETTER...
YOU'RE LATE, JERK!
WHAT? YOU LITTLE...
I'M KIDDING... I'M LATE BECAUSE I WAS SHARPENING MY SWORD...
GLANCE...
GLANCE...
GLANCE...
THIS IS A DUEL? NO ONE'S HERE!
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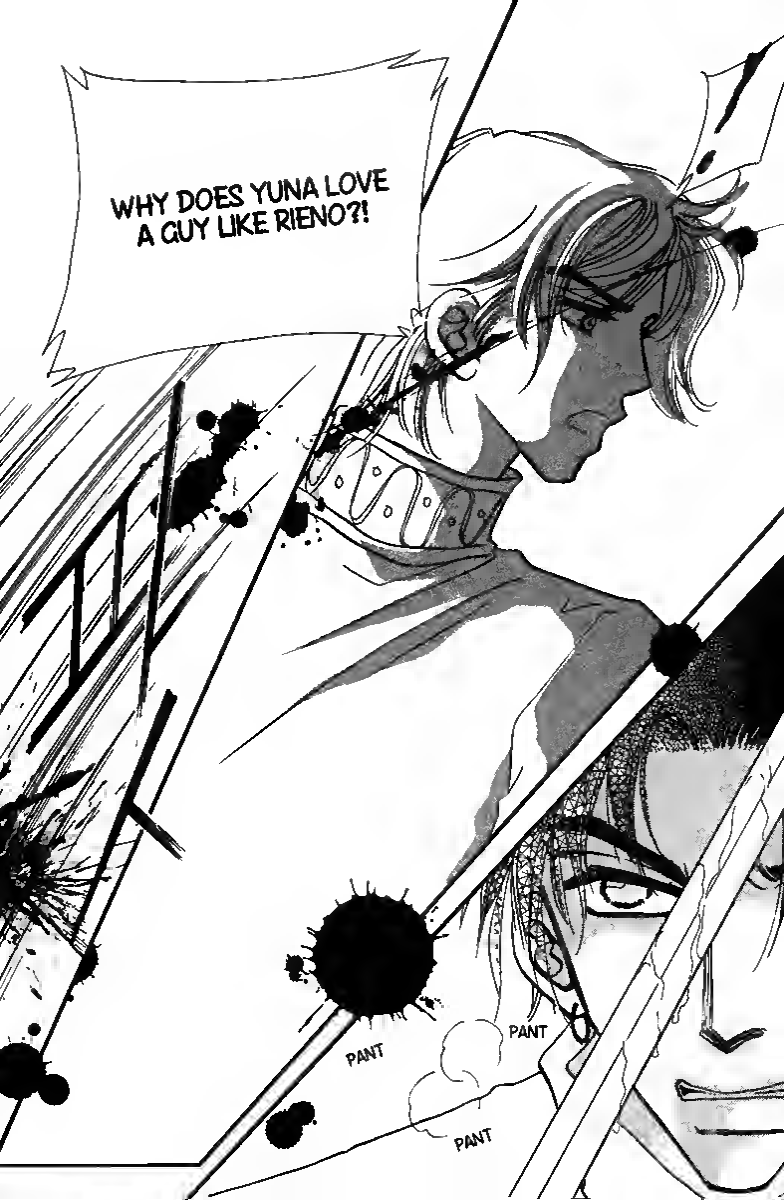
THERE WILL BE NO WITNESSES-- JUST DRAW YOUR SWORD ALREADY!
I'M SICK OF YOUR STUPID MOUTH, TWERP!!
WHY?!

BECAUSE YOU'RE A WORTHLESS JACKASS!
THAT'S WHY... THAT'S WHY YUNA DID ALL THIS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "THAT'S WHY"? TALK SENSIBLY, YOU BLUNDERING MEATHEAD!!


WHY DOES YUNA LOVE A GUY LIKE RIENO?!
PANT
PANT
PANT

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THERE'S NO WAY THAT A COLD-HEARTED JACKASS LIKE YOU COULD EVER WIN HER LOVE!!
BUT... BUT HOW COULD YOU LET HER BE TAKEN AWAY...BY A GUY LIKE RIENO?!
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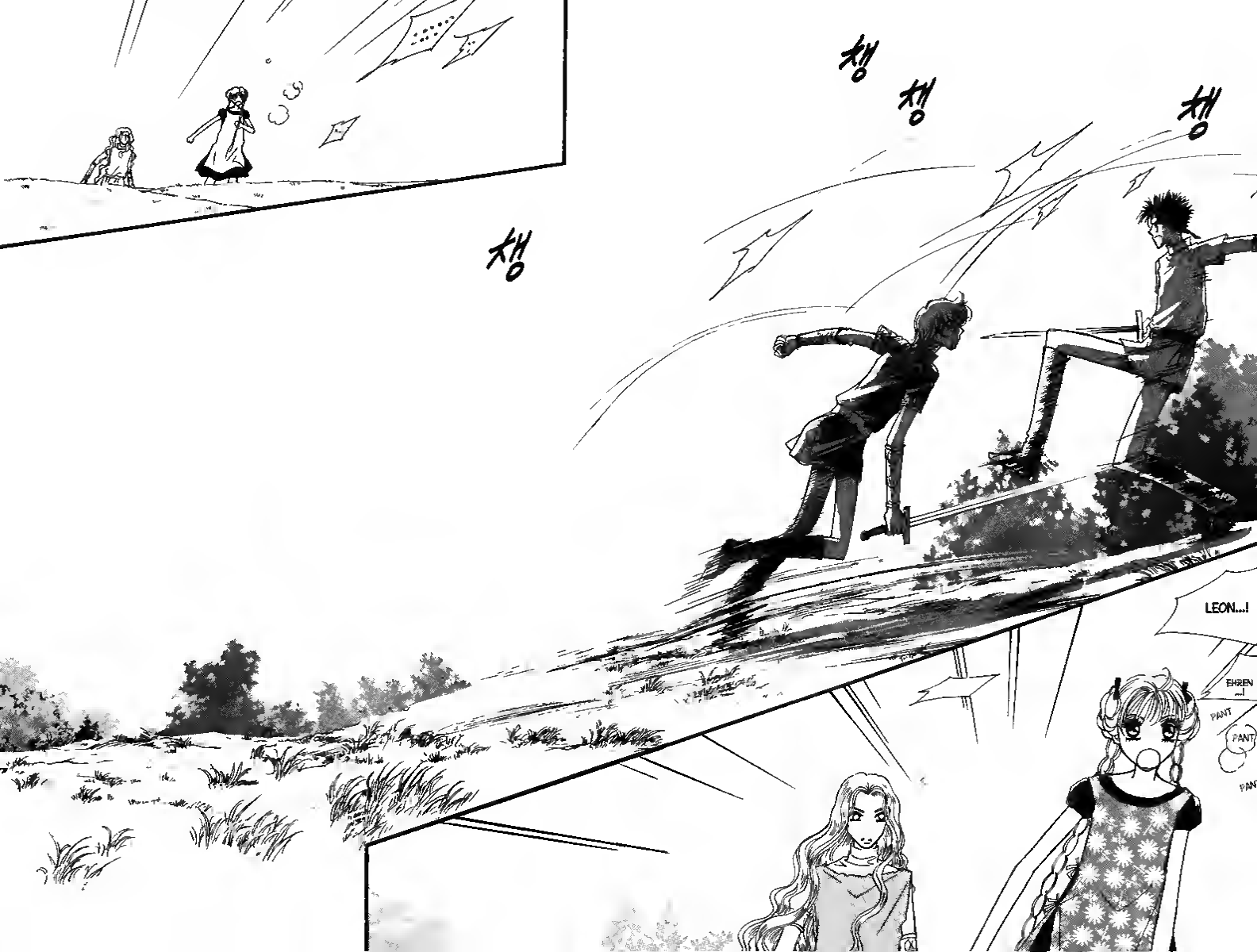
YOU ACTED SO PROUD...
AND THEN YOU LET EVERYTHING GO TO HELL!!
SHUT UP--YOU DON'T KNOW A DAMN THING ABOUT ANY OF IT!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH FROM YOU!! I'M GONNA KILL YOU!
WHO ARE YOU TO MAKE THINGS SO HARD FOR YUNA?!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EHREN...!
PANT
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WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?!
UH...
PANT
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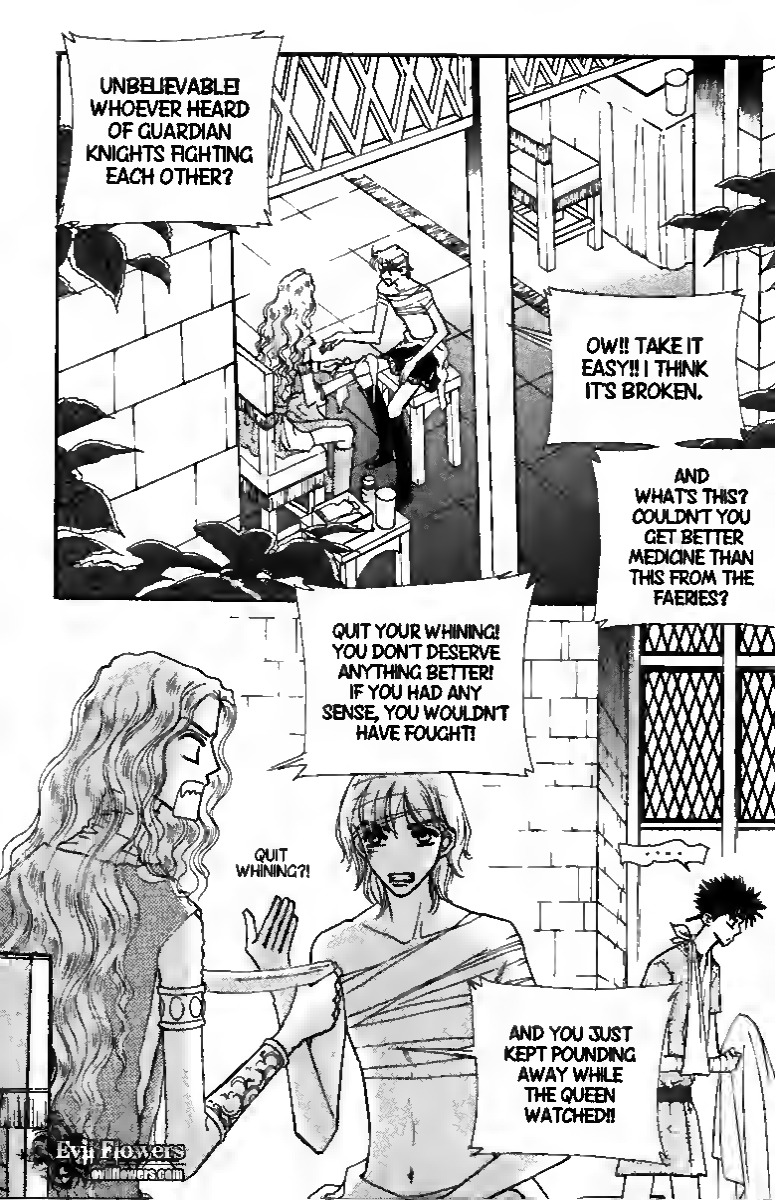
I...I WON'T FORGIVE THAT JERK FOR HUMILIATING ME LIKE THAT...!
SO...GO AND TAKE CARE OF HIM...
WHAT EXACTLY DID HE DO TO YOU, PRINCESS?
SHUT UP! JUST GO AND TAKE CARE OF HIM!!
I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU BREAK HIS LEG OR TWIST HIS ARM...
...OR WHIP HIM WITH CORDS... DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH HIM!!
THEN...UH... SHOULD WE KILL HIM?
HEH HEH...
CAN WE KILL HIM?
WHO SAID TO KILL HIM?!
IF YOU KILL HIM, YOU'LL BE FIRST TO LOSE YOUR HEAD!! TAKE CARE OF IT, BUT SPARE HIS LIFE!

THAT FOOL..
...WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
HOW DARE HE DO THAT TO ME?
TO ME?!
HOW COULD HE DO IT?
FINE, GO AND TELL WHAT YOU JUST SAW.
IF YOU OPEN THAT MOUTH OF YOURS, YOU'LL BE IN FOR MUCH WORSE THAN WHAT I JUST DID!

SIR EHREN AND SIR LEON ARE DUELING, MY GOODNESS!
HO HO HO...
THEY'RE FIGHTING OVER THE QUEEN! WHAT A LOVE TRIANGLE!
FUNNY...
JUST WATCH WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE QUEEN, BOY...
YOU'VE BROUGHT ALL THIS ON YOURSELF!! IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!!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OW!! TAKE IT EASY!! I THINK IT'S BROKEN.
AND WHAT'S THIS? COULDN'T YOU GET BETTER MEDICINE THAN THIS FROM THE FAERIES?
QUIT YOUR WHINING! YOU DON'T DESERVE ANYTHING BETTER! IF YOU HAD ANY SENSE, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE FOUGHT!
QUIT WHINING?!
AND YOU JUST KEPT POUNDING AWAY WHILE THE QUEEN WATCHED!!
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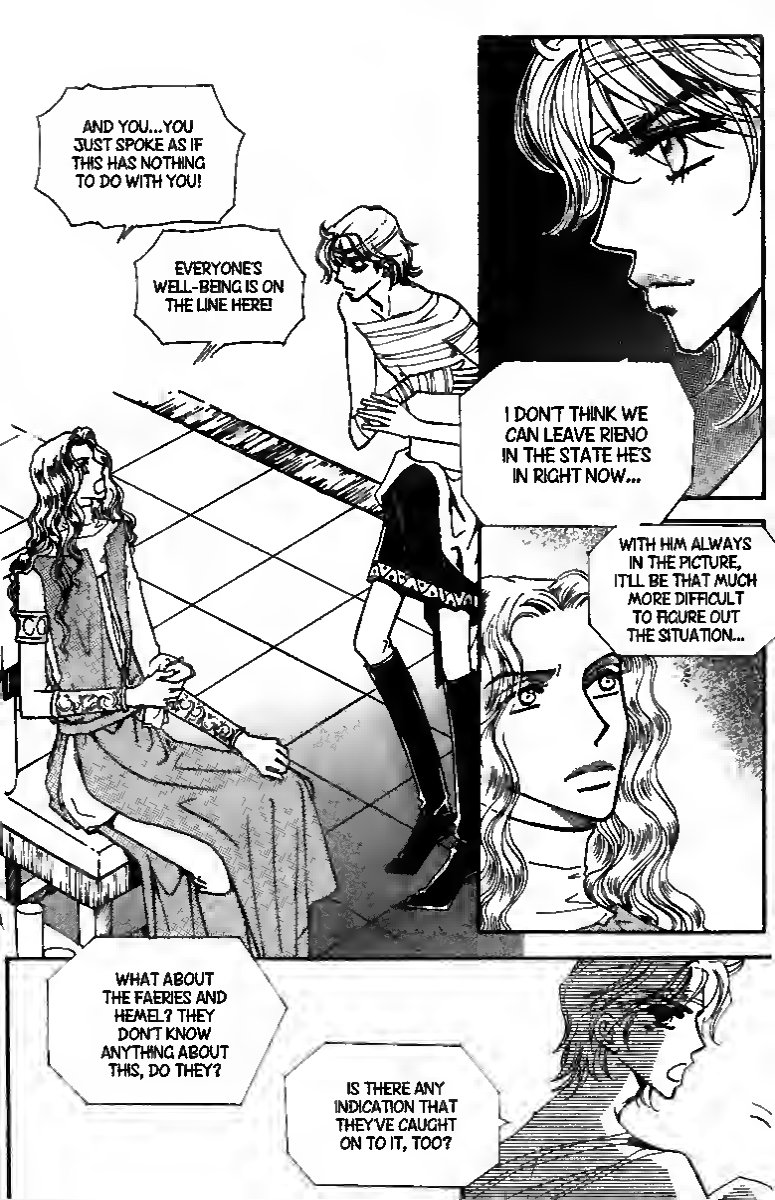
I SHOULD'VE JUST LET YOU TWO HACK EACH OTHER TO BITS!
HUH?
LEON! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?!
GLARE
DIDN'T YOU HEAR? YOU'RE TO STAY CONFINED AND THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU DID UNTIL THE QUEEN GETS BACK!!
WHAT THE...?!
WHY'S HE STARING ME DOWN? THAT LITTLE...

SLAM!
HE USED TO JUMP AWAKE FROM HIS SLEEP AT THE FIRST CALL OF THE QUEEN...
HE WOULD HAVE GLADLY TAKEN A COMMAND TO DIE DOING HIS GLORIOUS DUTY...
HE SEEMS TO HAVE CAUGHT ON...
...TO YUNA AND RIENO'S RELATIONSHIP.
WHAT?!
IF EVEN THAT FOOL HAS CAUGHT ON...
DOES THAT MEAN WE'RE DONE FOR?


AND YOU...YOU JUST SPOKE AS IF THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
EVERYONE'S WELL-BEING IS ON THE LINE HERE!
I DON'T THINK WE CAN LEAVE RIENO IN THE STATE HE'S IN RIGHT NOW...
WITH HIM ALWAYS IN THE PICTURE, IT'LL BE THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT THE SITUATION...
WHAT ABOUT THE FAERIES AND HEMEL? THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, DO THEY?
IS THERE ANY INDICATION THAT THEY'VE CAUGHT ON TO IT, TOO?

THEY SAY THAT EVER SINCE THAT LIGHTNING DISASTER HAPPENED, THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW MORE MINOR CASES LIKE IT.
THEY HAVENT BEEN SO RASH AS TO DECIDE IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE QUEEN, BUT...
...IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT QUICKLY, THEY'LL PROBABLY GET WISE TO IT.

AND DON'T THINK YOU'RE OFF THE HOOK, EITHER!
SOON, THE FAERIES AND GRANDFATHER WILL BE COMING TO THE PALACE TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT YUNA AND YOU ARE REALLY IN LOVE!
IT WON'T JUST BE CASUAL QUESTIONING, EITHER. THEY WILL USE POTIONS OR TRUTH SERUM TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT YUNA'S FEELINGS.
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ANOTHER MAN'S NAME DOESN'T COME OUT OF THE QUEEN'S MOUTH.
YOU CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE FAERIE POTION...

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IN ANY CASE, THE FUTURE OF PHANTASMA LIES IN THE HEART OF THE QUEEN.
WHEN IT BECOMES KNOWN THAT THE QUEEN IS NO LONGER OUR HOPE, HER LIFE WILL BE IN DANGER.
THEN, THE TIME WILL COME FOR US TO MAKE A DECISION... TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PHANTASMA OR THE QUEEN.

DAMMIT...!!
DAMMIT!! WOMEN...
HEY, YOU! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE KICKING THAT THING, WILL YA?!
YOU MIGHT CROSS THE WRONG PEOPLE.
WHAT...?!

I'M IN A FOUL MOOD... SO YOU'D BEST BACK OFF AND GET OUTTA MY WAY!
WHO DO YA THINK YOU'RE ORDERING AROUND?!
SO...THIS IS THE FAMOUS LEON, WHOSE DISRESPECT KNOWS NO LIMITS...
TODAY, WE'LL FIX YOUR BAD HABITS!!
THIS'LL TEACH YOU!!

OOF!
AH...!
OWW...!
UGH...
NGH...
LUCKY FOR YOU, PRINCESS LIBERA WAS MERCIFUL ENOUGH TO HAVE US SPARE YOUR LIFE!
HE WON'T CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE. THIS JERK HAD IT COMING...ACTING LIKE HE OWNED ALL OF PHANTASMA JUST BECAUSE HE'S THE QUEEN'S KNIGHT...
THE PRINCESS ASKED US TO TEACH YOU A LESSON, SO DON'T HARBOR A GRUDGE! HEH HEH

COWARDS... HITTING ME WHERE I'M ALREADY HURT...
CLENCH
...THAT WOMAN...
SHE'S NOT GONNA GET AWAY WITH THIS...
DID HE SAY...LIBERA?!
DAMMIT...
I SWEAR...

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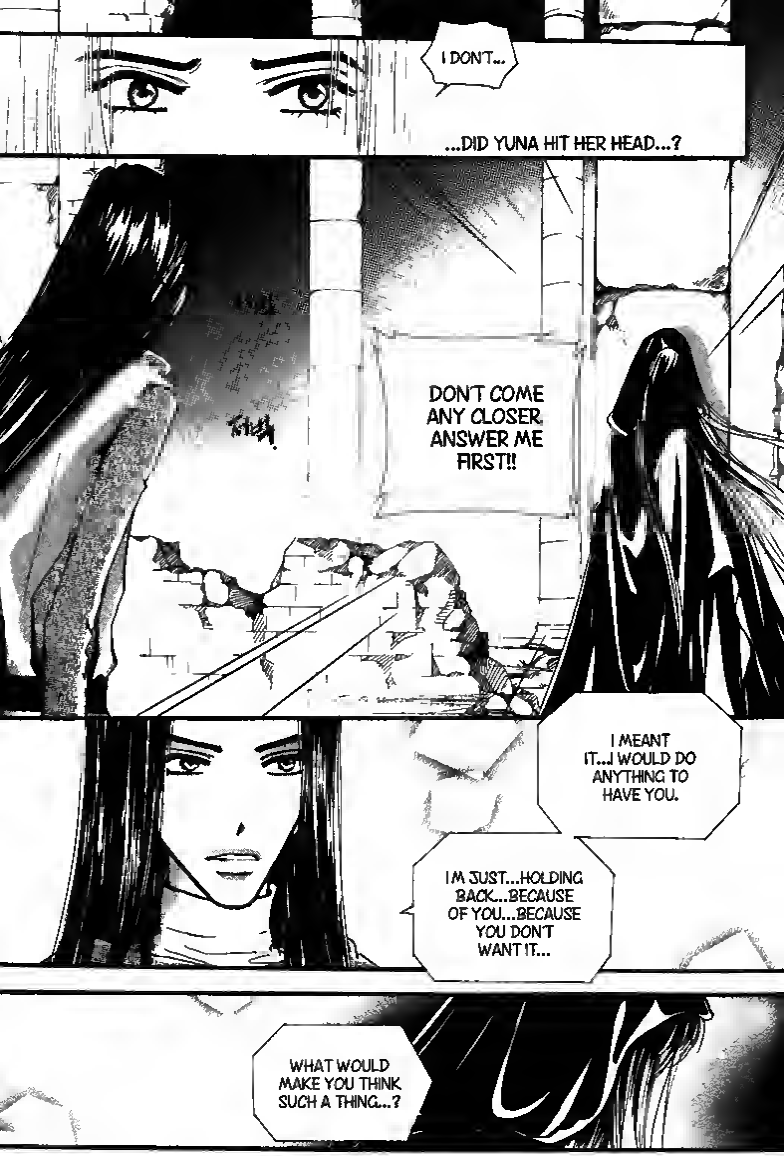
YUNA..!
YUNA--!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!! STAY RIGHT THERE...
JUST STAND RIGHT THERE AND LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY...
WHAT??

WHAT IS IT? THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE...
THIS PLACE... SOMETHING SEEMS...
SNIFF...
SNIFF...
RIENO...
DID YOU REALLY MEAN WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE?
WHAT...?
THAT AS LONG AS YOU HAVE ME, YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO PHANTASMA...
DID YOU REALLY MEAN THAT? AND ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT YOU LOVING ME...


I DON'T...
...DID YUNA HIT HER HEAD...?
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER. ANSWER ME FIRST!!
I MEANT IT...I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO HAVE YOU.
I'M JUST...HOLDING BACK...BECAUSE OF YOU...BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT IT...
WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU THINK SUCH A THING...?

WE LOVE EACH OTHER... WHY WOULDN'T I WANT IT?
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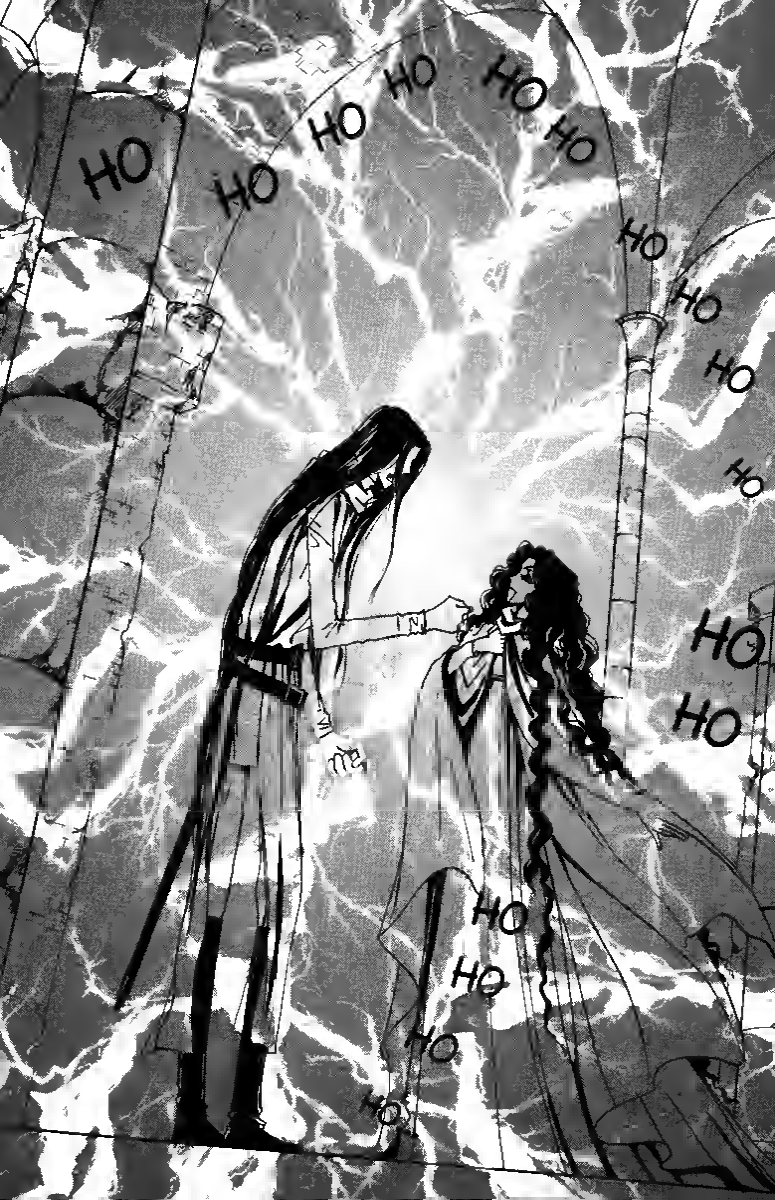
AAAAAAAAAA!!

WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
MY, BUT ISN'T THE POWER OF LOVE AMAZING? YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THAT THERE WAS DARK MAGIC EVERYWHERE!
HUMPH...I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO BE SICK FOR A MOMENT... DISGUSTING.
MG
MY IDENTITY, MY VOICE, ALL THE PEOPLE WATCHING IN HIDING...
YOU USUALLY NEVER SHOW ANY SIGNS OF WEAKNESS WHEN IT COMES TO THIS SORT OF THING...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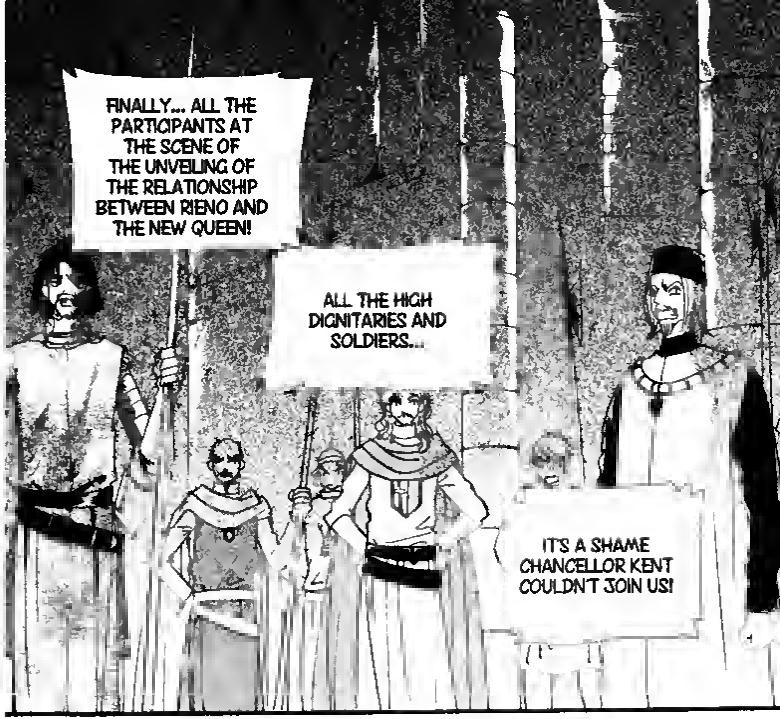
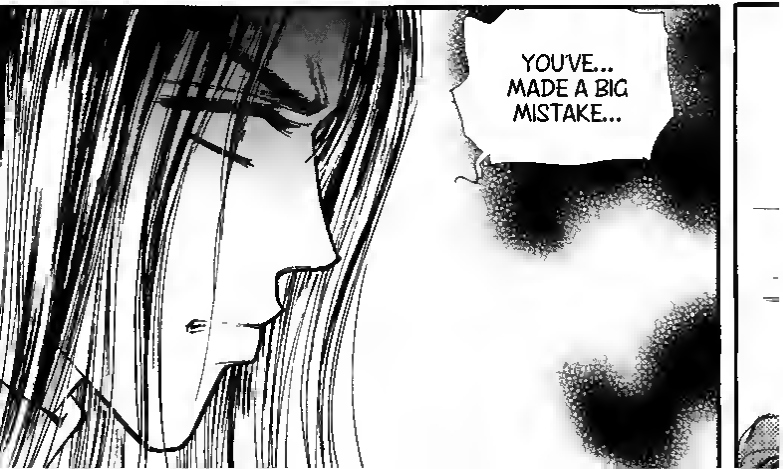
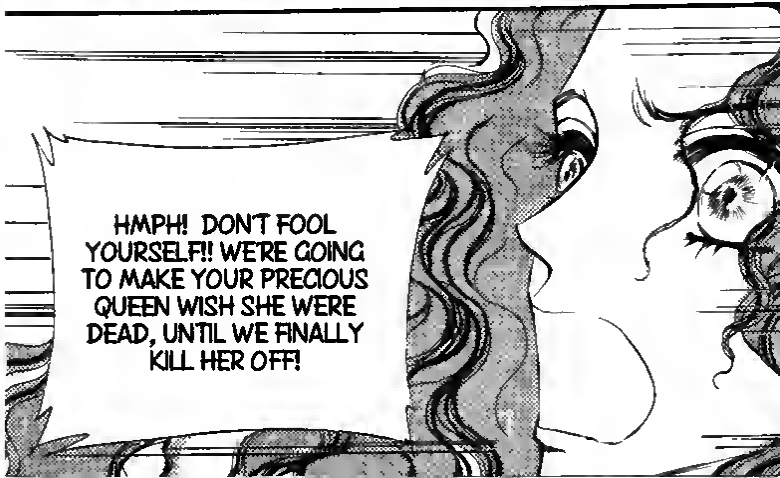
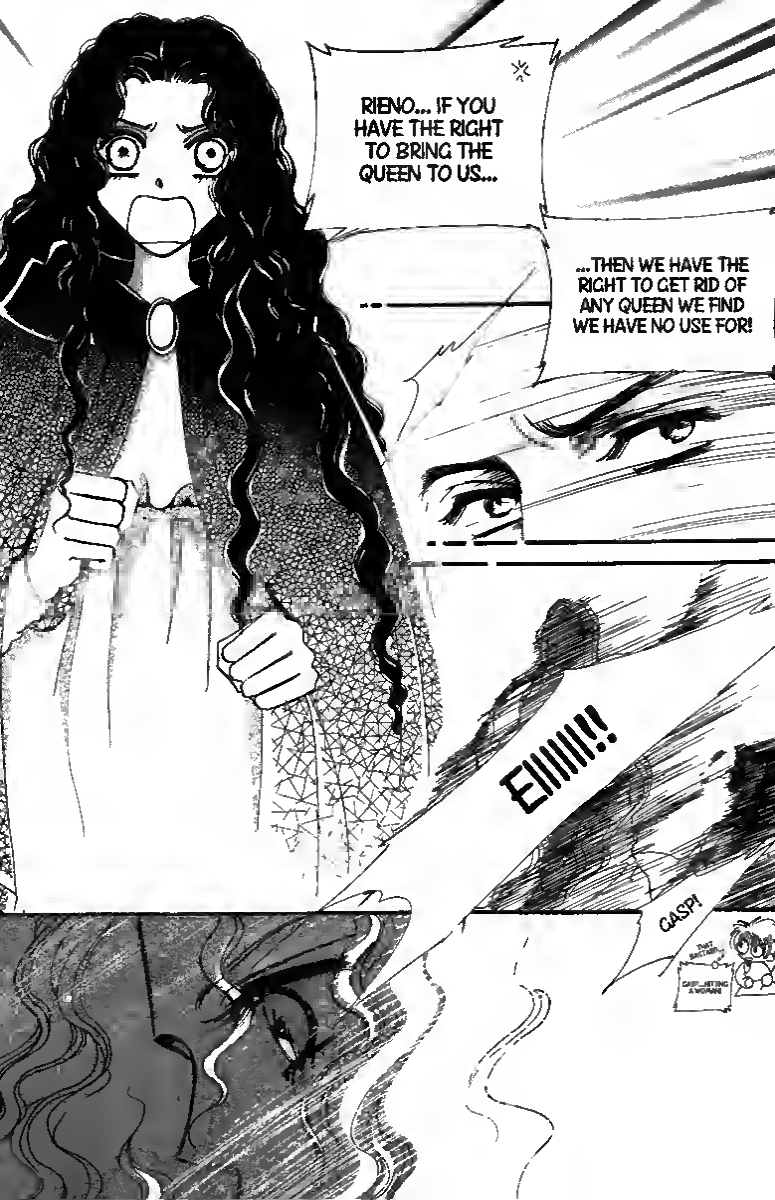
LOOK AROUND YOU!!


FINALLY... ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE SCENE OF THE UNVEILING OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RIENO AND THE NEW QUEEN!
ALL THE HIGH DIGNITARIES AND SOLDIERS...
IT'S A SHAME CHANCELLOR KENT COULDN'T JOIN US!


YOU'VE... MADE A BIG MISTAKE...


HMPH! DON'T FOOL YOURSELF!! WE'RE GOING TO MAKE YOUR PRECIOUS QUEEN WISH SHE WERE DEAD, UNTIL WE FINALLY KILL HER OFF!


RIENO... IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BRING THE QUEEN TO US...
...THEN WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET RID OF ANY QUEEN WE FIND WE HAVE NO USE FOR!
EIIIII!!
GASP!
THAT BROTHER...
GASP...SETTING A WOMAN!

RIENO...!
STOP IT! HOW DARE YOU RAISE YOUR HAND AGAINST THE PRINCESS!
YOU! RIENO... HOW DARE YOU BETRAY US AGAIN!!
WHAT DID YOU SAY? YOU DON'T CARE WHAT BECOMES OF PHANTASMA?
IT'S OVER FOR YOU AND THE QUEEN!

DON'T TEST ME...

FOOLS... ALL OF YOU ARE AS GOOD AS DEAD ANYWAY.
JUST TRY RUNNING AWAY...
I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE FOREST OF DARKNESS TO RIP THE LIFE OUT OF YOU!
GIVE US THE MANUSCRIPT!
Empty brain
I HATE EXTRAS!! BOO HOO...
I HATE LIBERAL
I HATE BIBLE

AAAAAAAAAAHH!!
ACK...!
AAACH!!

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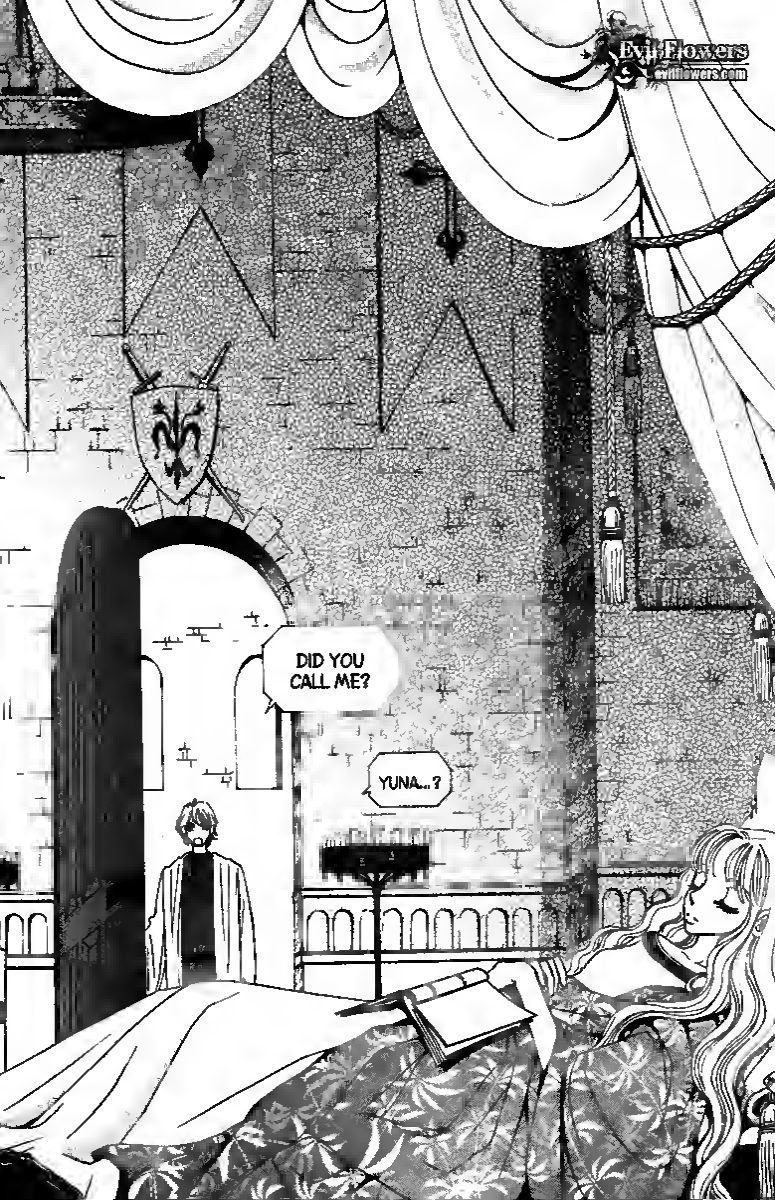
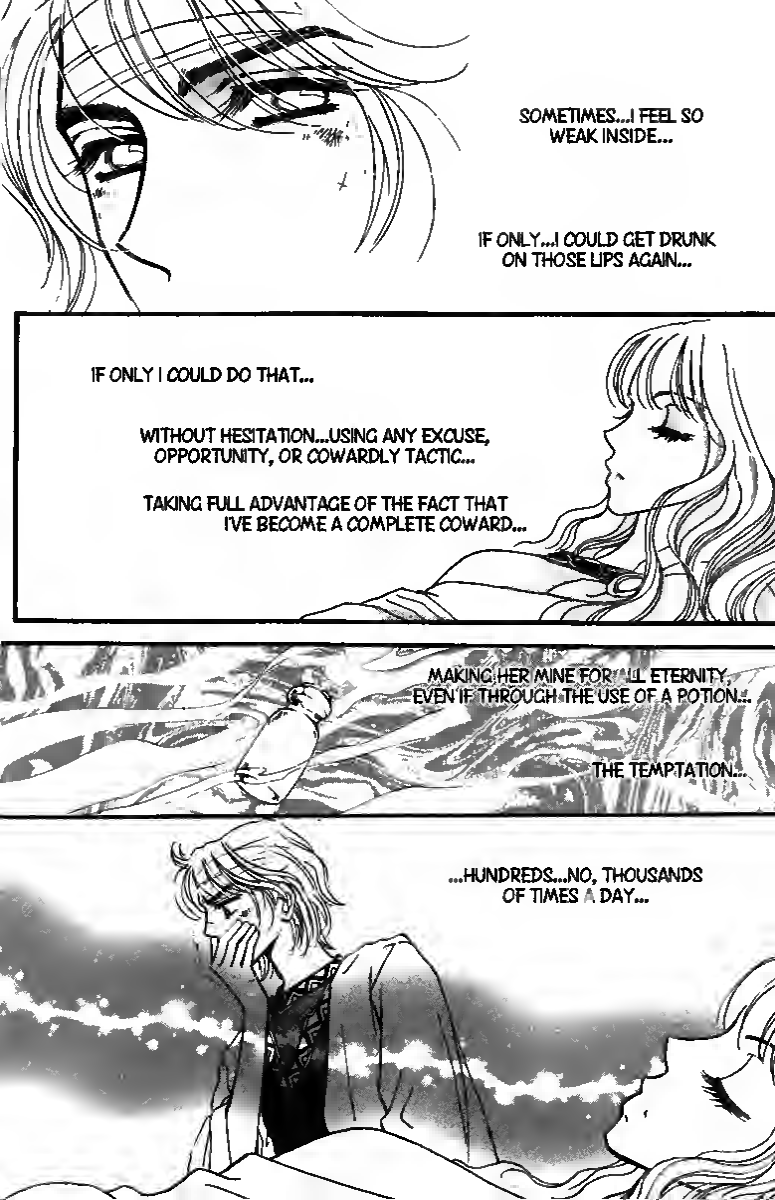
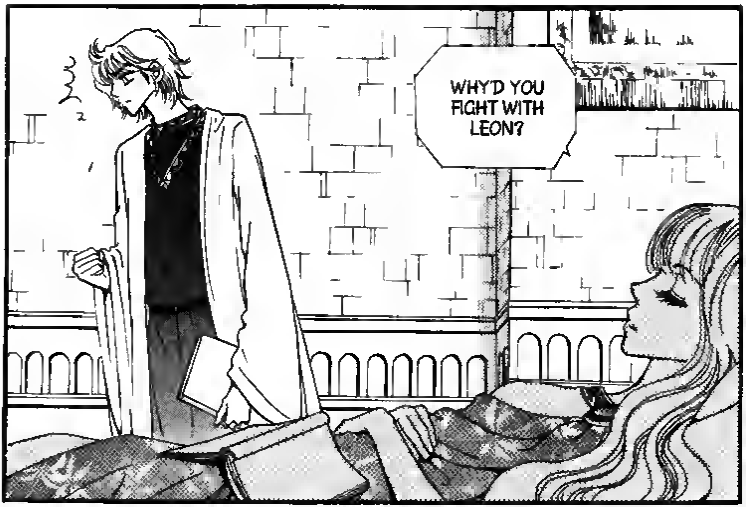


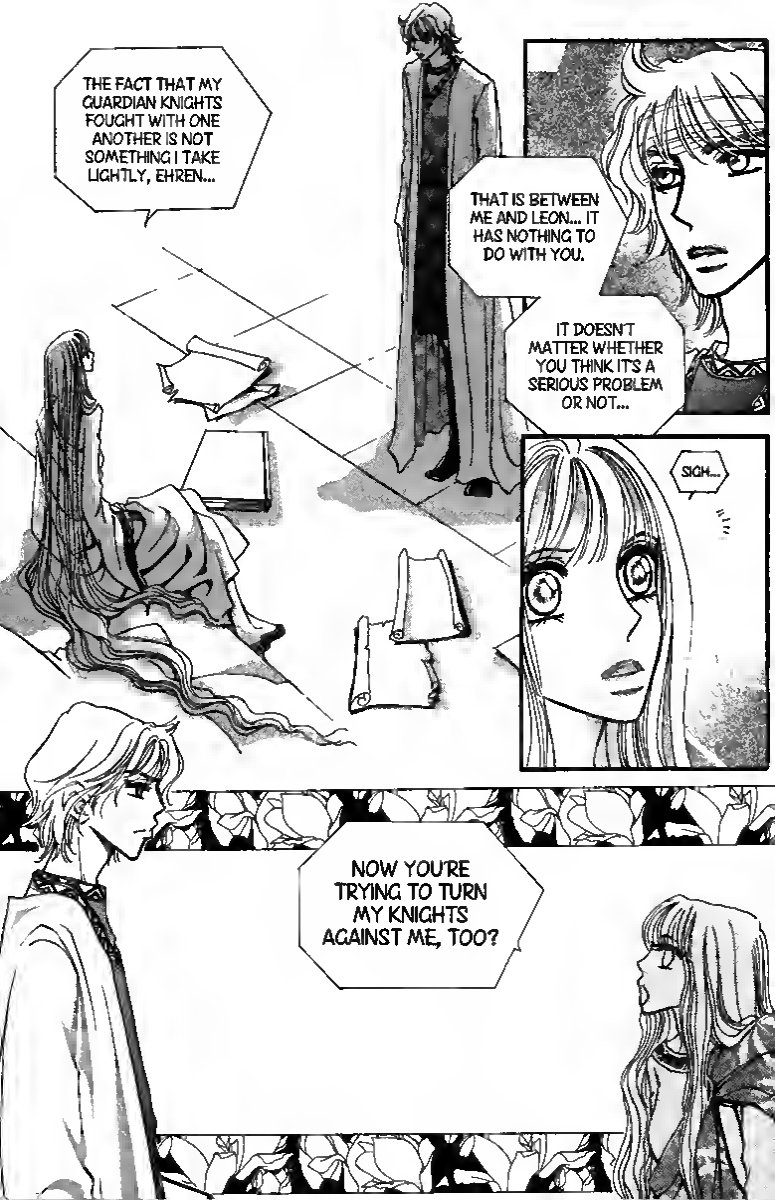
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
THERE ARE BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS ALL OVER THE FLOOR...

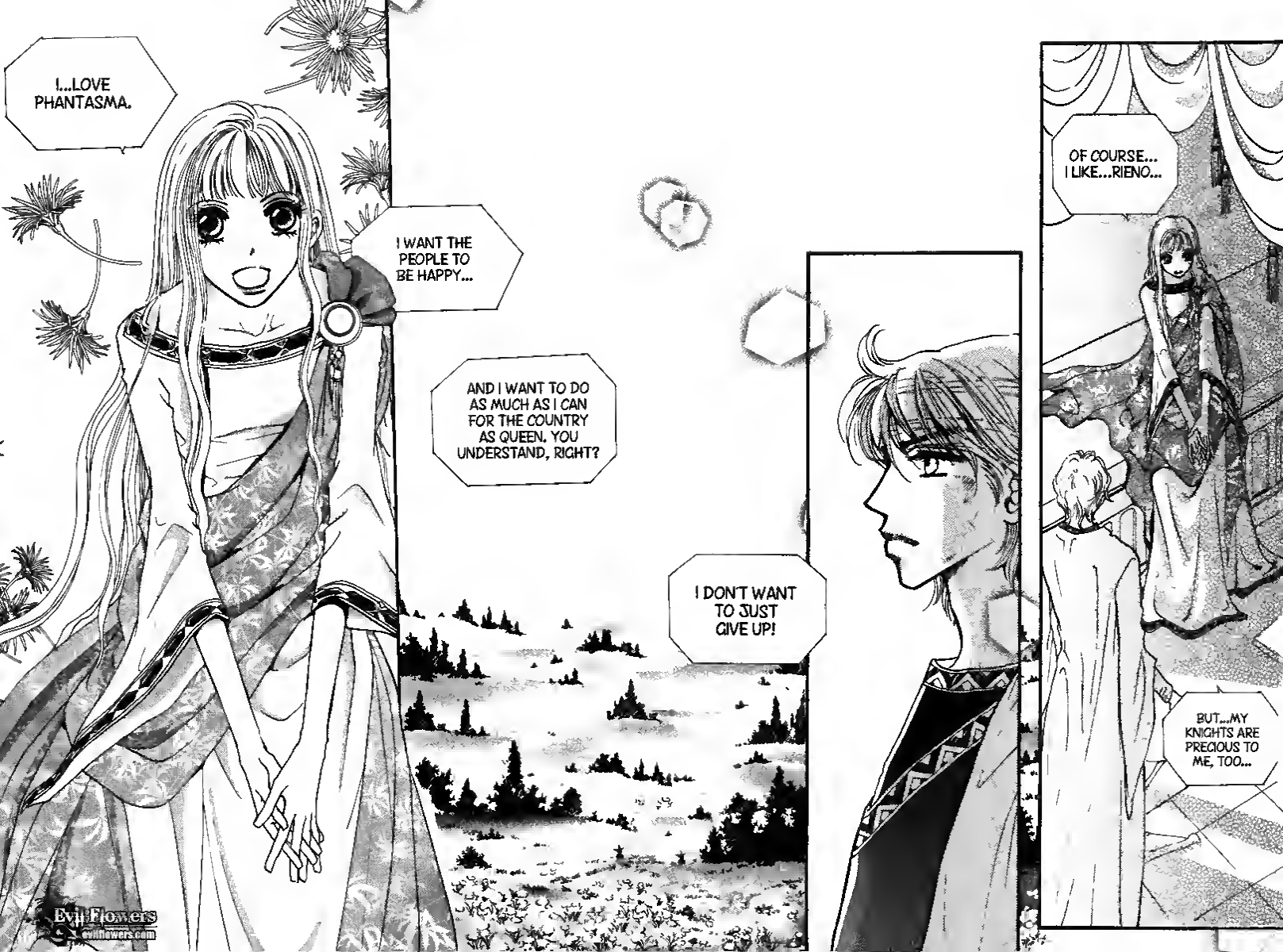

SOMETIMES...I FEEL SO WEAK INSIDE...
IF ONLY...I COULD GET DRUNK ON THOSE LIPS AGAIN...
IF ONLY I COULD DO THAT...
WITHOUT HESITATION...USING ANY EXCUSE, OPPORTUNITY, OR COWARDLY TACTIC...
TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT I'VE BECOME A COMPLETE COWARD...
MAKING HER MINE FOR ALL ETERNITY, EVEN IF THROUGH THE USE OF A POTION...
THE TEMPTATION...
...HUNDREDS...NO, THOUSANDS OF TIMES A DAY...


WHY'D YOU FIGHT WITH LEON?

YOU...YOU'RE AWAKE?

YOU DON'T REALLY THINK I'M GOING TO BELIEVE THAT YOU TWO FOUGHT OVER ME LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IS SAYING, DO YOU?


THE FACT THAT MY GUARDIAN KNIGHTS FOUGHT WITH ONE ANOTHER IS NOT SOMETHING I TAKE LIGHTLY, EHREN...
THAT IS BETWEEN ME AND LEON... IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU THINK IT'S A SERIOUS PROBLEM OR NOT...
SIGH...
NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO TURN MY KNIGHTS AGAINST ME, TOO?


I...LOVE PHANTASMA.
I WANT THE PEOPLE TO BE HAPPY...
AND I WANT TO DO AS MUCH AS I CAN FOR THE COUNTRY AS QUEEN. YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
I DON'T WANT TO JUST GIVE UP!
OF COURSE... I LIKE...RIENO...
BUT...MY KNIGHTS ARE PRECIOUS TO ME, TOO...
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SO...I'VE MADE UP MY MIND...
I'M ASKING YOU TO LET ME SEE RIENO...
I'M JUST GOING TO SAY GOODBYE TO HIM...BECAUSE THIS IS OUR LAST...
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PANT
AND I'M SPECIFICALLY MAKING MY REQUEST TO YOU, EHREN...
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I HEARD YOU JOINED EVIL FLOWERS. SO, YOU CAN SPEED UP THE PROCESS FOR MY FAVORITE MANGA, RIGHT?
SORRY, BUT I'M WORKING ON ANOTHER PROJECT.
WHAT?! YOU JACKASS!!!
SHUT UP!
AREN'T YOU MY FRIEND? GO TRANSLATE!
EVEN IF I DID TRANSLATE, THERE WON'T BE ANY EDITOR TO HELP.
Where are our editors?
...ARE YOU SERIOUS?

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WHO...PLANNED ALL THIS?
DID YOU THINK THIS UP ON YOUR OWN?
PANT
DRIP
DRIP

. . . . . .
I SEE...
LOOK AROUND. THE LAST OF THE MEN THAT YOU BROUGHT HERE TO KILL ME...
...ARE DEAD.
SOB SOB

SO JUST TRY AND OPEN YOUR MOUTH ONE MORE TIME!!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THE QUEEN...

I WILL FREEZE THIS WORLD AND ALL THOSE IN IT! I DON'T CARE ABOUT HEMEL'S SLEEPING PILLS...
I'LL CALL FORTH EVERY FOUL BEAST IN THE FOREST TO THIS PLACE!!

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AH...
ALSO...
YOU...DO KNOW...

...ONCE YOU MEDDLE WITH BLACK MAGIC, IT'S THAT MUCH HARDER TO UNDERGO ANY SORT OF HUMAN GROWTH. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
LOOK AT YOUR SISTERS.
SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL BECOME JUST AS...UNSHAPELY... AS THEM.
.....
NO...NO...
I...I-I'M DIFFERENT FROM MY SISTERS...

UNTIL NOW, I'D ONLY USED IT TWICE...!
THAT'S WHY I'M SPARING YOU YOUR LIFE, PRINCESS.
IF I KILL YOU NOW, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE DESTRUCTION THAT YOU'VE NOW PLACED UPON YOURSELF!
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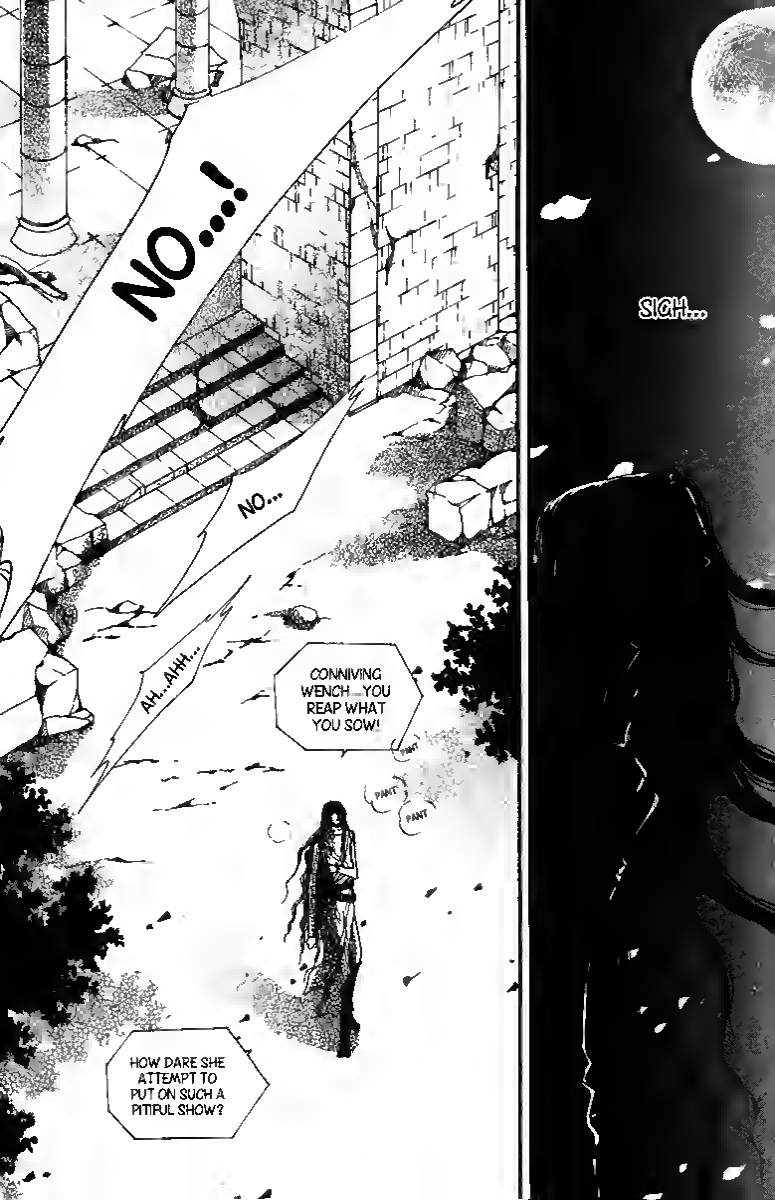
NO...
NO... I WON'T—


NO...!
NO...
AH...AHH...
CONNIVING WENCH—YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW!
PANT
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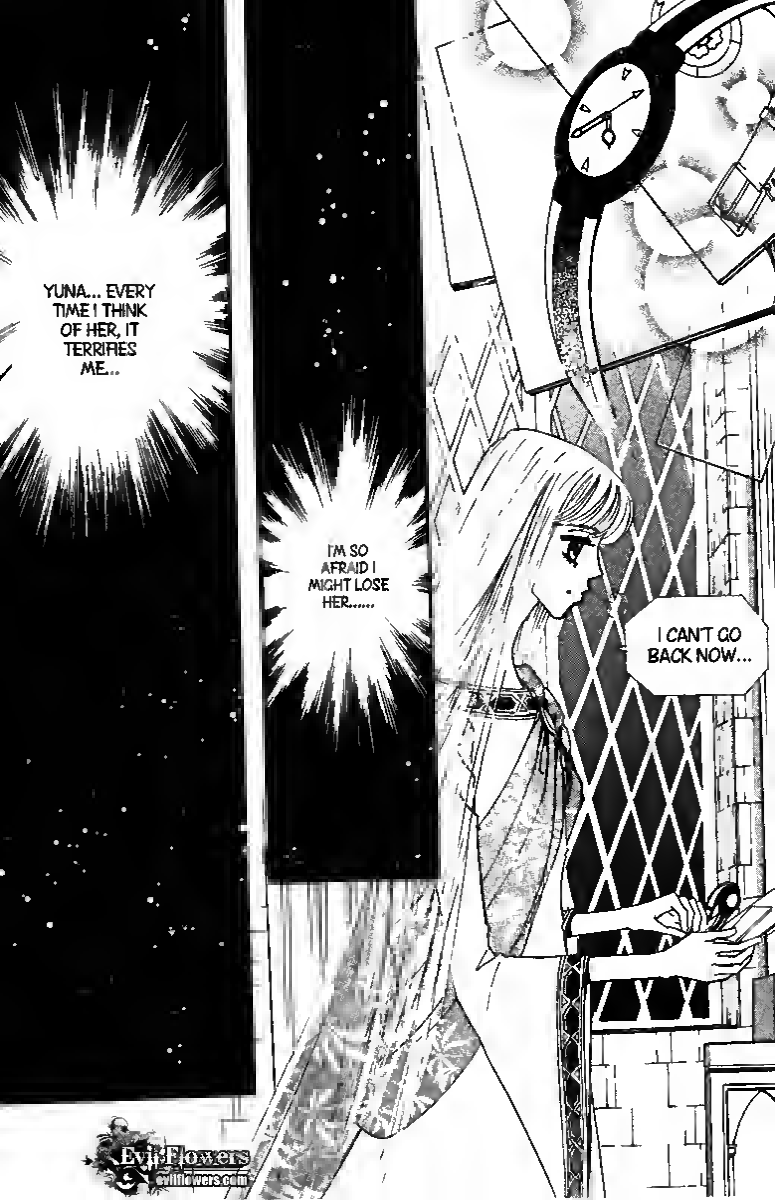
HOW DARE SHE ATTEMPT TO PUT ON SUCH A PITIFUL SHOW?
SIGH...

DAMMIT...
WAS THIS IT...?
WAS THIS WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT? HEXE...
YOU ASSURED ME THAT I HAD AN INVINCIBLE BODY...
YOU TOLD ME THAT MY HEART HAD FROZEN OVER AND THAT I WAS STRONGER THAN ANYTHING, AND THAT THERE WAS NOTHING I HAD TO FEAR...
BUT NOW SOMETHING MAKES ME TERRIBLY AFRAID.
I CAN'T COME TO MY SENSES... AS IF I WERE ADDICTED TO SOME SORT OF DRUG...



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IF I KEEP LOOKING AT IT, IT'LL JUST MAKE ME FEEL WEAKER...
THUMP
IF I DON'T DO THIS...
...RIENO...I'M SORRY...
I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR HEART...
I HAVE TO BE STRONG!! I CAN'T RUN AWAY...
PRINCESS...
PLEASE... GET SOME REST...

SNIFFLE
SNIFF
SNIFFLE
WHAT HAPPENED THERE?!
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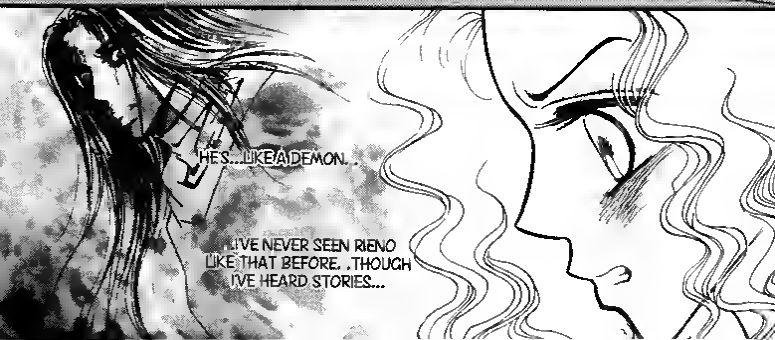
HE'S...LIKE A DEMON...
I'VE NEVER SEEN RIENO LIKE THAT BEFORE. .THOUGH I'VE HEARD STORIES...

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO ANGRY!!
THAT GIRL... I JUST...I CAN'T FORGIVE HER!
EVERYTHING IS BECAUSE OF THAT WENCH AND RIENO!
I WON'T BE THE ONLY ONE WHO BECOMES, AS HE SAID, "UNSHAPELY!" JUST WAIT AND SEE...
I WILL HAVE MY REVENGE!!

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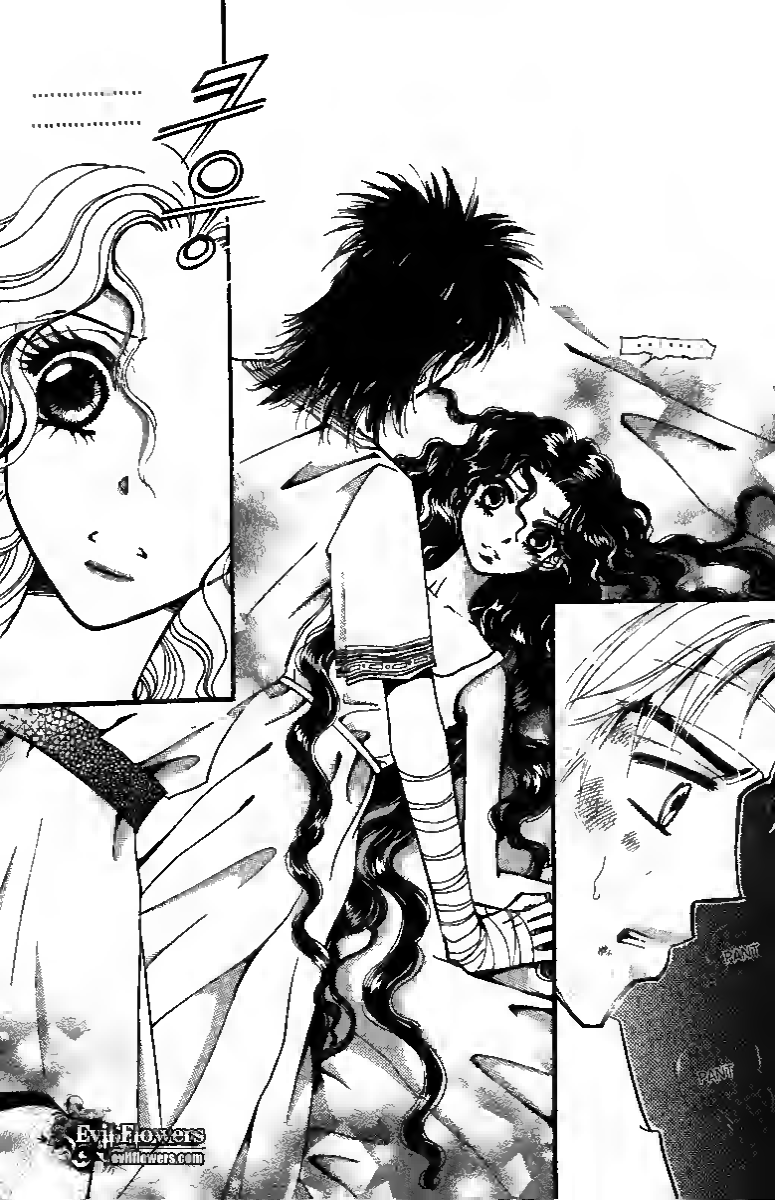
FLINCH
YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS BEAT ME UP PRETTY GOOD, AND I'M VERY...UNHAPPY... ABOUT IT.
I CAN'T EVEN SEE STRAIGHT RIGHT NOW...
YOU'RE GONNA FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU PICK A FIGHT WITH ME!

YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT...
G-GET AWAY!
GET AWAY, YOU...
HOW DARE YOU COME IN HERE!
JEEZ.
LET GO!!
HEY! IF YOU MAKE A RACKET YOU'LL HAVE MORE TO DEAL WITH, SO LISTEN UP!!

GET OUT!
GET OUT RIGHT NOW!
OOF!
DAMMIT, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE KICKING!
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE...
YOU JACKASS...

WHAT IS THAT?
WHO DID THIS TO YOU?
...!

TELL ME!
WHERE DOES SUCH A HIGH AND MIGHTY PRINCESS GO AND GET HER FACE SLAPPED LIKE THAT?
SHUT UP! THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS...!
WHO DID THIS?



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YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! HOW DARE YOU SPEAK DOWN TO ME?
REMOVE YOUR FILTHY HANDS THIS INSTANT!

THAT WITCH...

...I HATE HER...

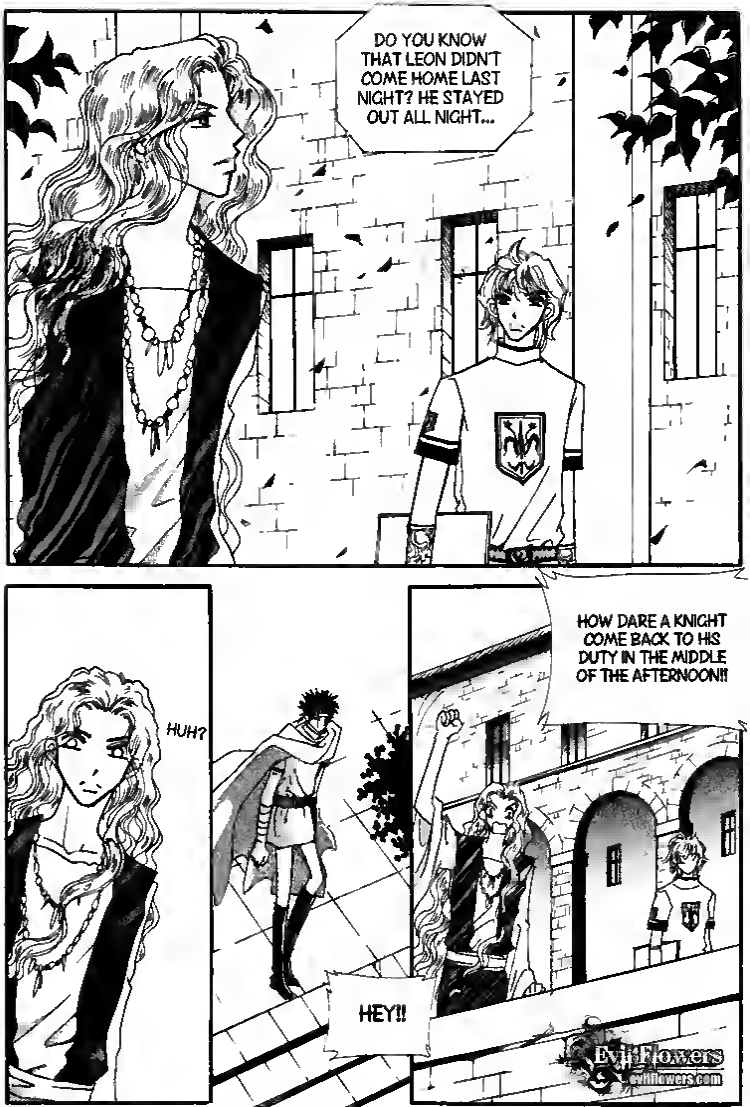
...HATE...
...HATE...

...SO, SO MUCH...

...I HATE HER!

I KNOW I'M AN ANIMAL... BUT...
BUT...
WHY ME? WHY AM I GETTING SO ANGRY BECAUSE SHE GOT SLAPPED IN THE FACE? WHY AM I GETTING SO MAD? MORE SO THAN WHEN I GOT BEAT UP?
DAMMIT...
THAT WOMAN...
BANG
BANG
BANG
WHAT IS IT? IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!
WHO COULD IT BE?
BANGING AT THE DOOR LIKE THAT...

HUH...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?!
AND WHAT'S WITH ALL OF THOSE WOUNDS? I HEARD THAT YOU WERE IN A DUEL, BUT THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE ALL OF IT!
BROTHER, I HAVE A REQUEST...
HUH?!


DO YOU KNOW THAT LEON DIDN'T COME HOME LAST NIGHT? HE STAYED OUT ALL NIGHT...
HUH?
HEY!!
HOW DARE A KNIGHT COME BACK TO HIS DUTY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTERNOON!!
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GOOD, YOU'RE HERE!
AH...
I'VE FINISHED LOOKING OVER ALL THE DOCUMENTS...
...SO PLEASE GIVE THEM TO CHANCELLOR KENT. HE SAID IT WAS URGENT.
YOU FINISHED REVIEWING ALL OF IT ALREADY? HAVE YOU EVEN SLEPT?!

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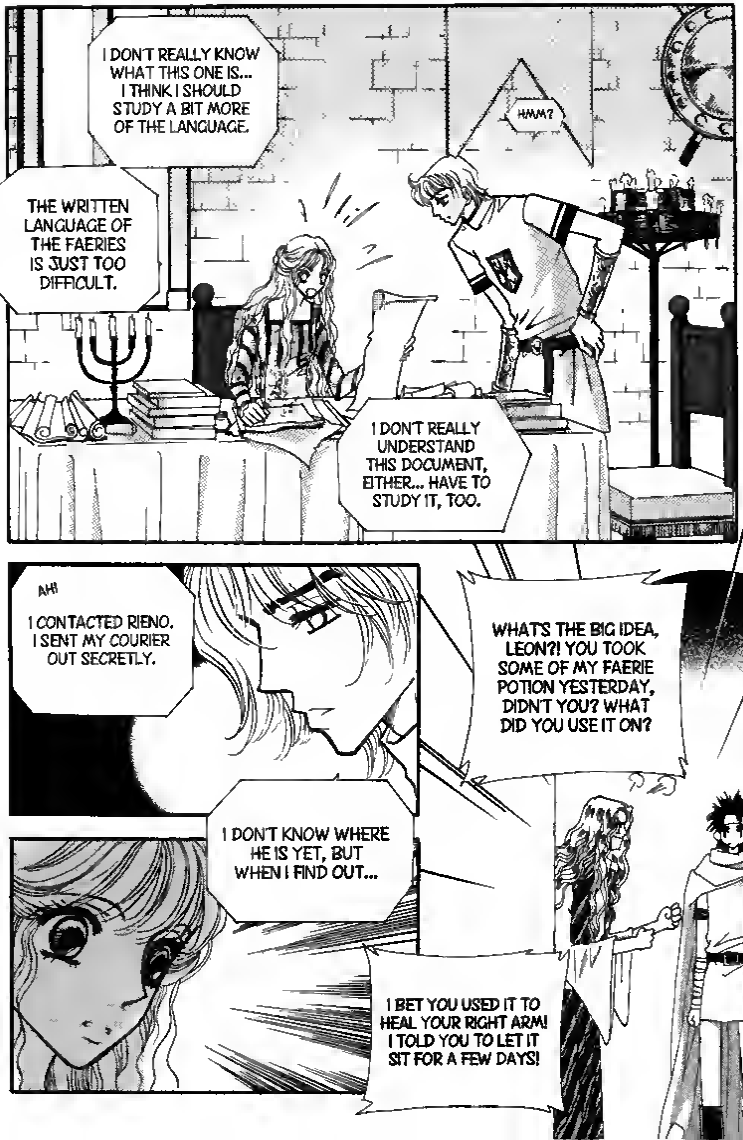
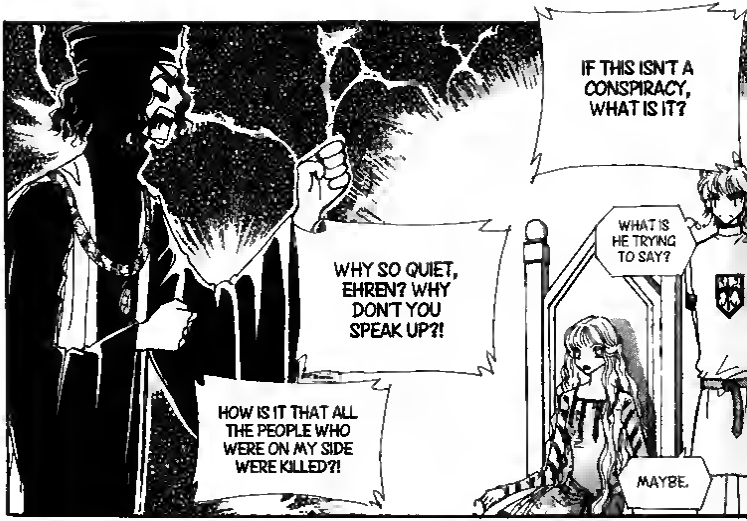
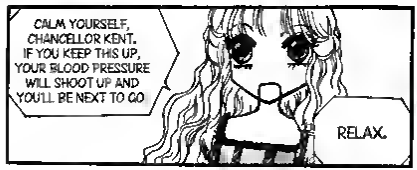

I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THIS ONE IS... I THINK I SHOULD STUDY A BIT MORE OF THE LANGUAGE.
HMM?
THE WRITTEN LANGUAGE OF THE FAERIES IS JUST TOO DIFFICULT.
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT, EITHER... HAVE TO STUDY IT, TOO.
AH!
I CONTACTED RIENO. I SENT MY COURIER OUT SECRETLY.
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, LEON?! YOU TOOK SOME OF MY FAERIE POTION YESTERDAY, DIDN'T YOU? WHAT DID YOU USE IT ON?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS YET, BUT WHEN I FIND OUT...
I BET YOU USED IT TO HEAL YOUR RIGHT ARM! I TOLD YOU TO LET IT SIT FOR A FEW DAYS!

AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN COME HOME LAST NIGHT!!
.....
YOU NEED TO REMEMBER YOUR PLACE!
YOU'RE A GUARDIAN KNIGHT!
DAMMIT...I DON'T UNDERSTAND WOMEN!
I DON'T GET WHAT THEY'RE THINKING...
HUH?

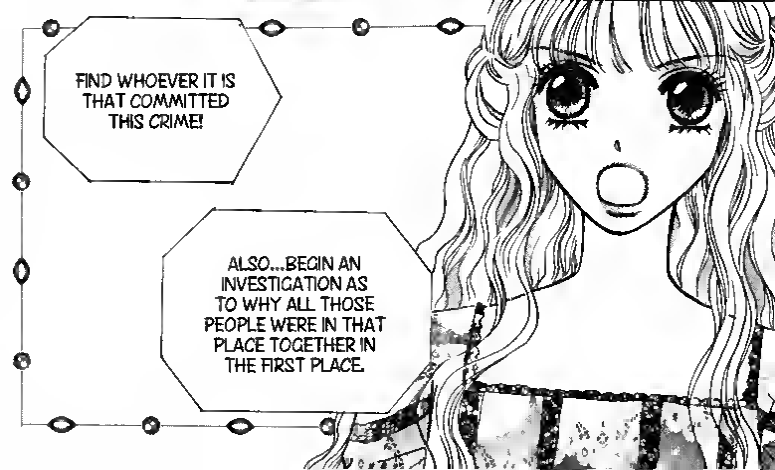
SIR EHREN! YOUR MAJESTY! THERE'S BIG TROUBLE!!
THE HIGH DIGNITARIES AND MEMBERS OF THE COURT, INCLUDING SEVERAL OF THE OFFICIALS AND THEIR SOLDIERS... THEY'VE ALL BEEN KILLED!
THE ROYAL PALACE HAS BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN!!

THE COURTYARD OUTSIDE THE ROYAL PALACE IS A BLOODBATH.
AT FIRST, WE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS THE WORK OF SOME STRANGE BEAST, BUT IT APPEARS AS THOUGH EACH OF THE VICTIMS WERE KILLED WITH A SWORD.
THIS TERRIBLE ACT WAS DONE BY A HUMAN.
NOT JUST THAT!! THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE KILLED WERE MY ALLIES!!
I DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS, BUT THIS IS SURELY A POLITICAL PLOT TO OVERTHROW ME!


IF THIS ISN'T A CONSPIRACY, WHAT IS IT?
WHAT IS HE TRYING TO SAY?
WHY SO QUIET, EHREN? WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK UP?!
HOW IS IT THAT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WERE ON MY SIDE WERE KILLED?!
MAYBE.


CALM YOURSELF, CHANCELLOR KENT. IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE WILL SHOOT UP AND YOU'LL BE NEXT TO GO
RELAX.

H-HOW DO YOU... EXPECT ME...TO CALM DOWN?!


FIND WHOEVER IT IS THAT COMMITTED THIS CRIME!
ALSO...BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION AS TO WHY ALL THOSE PEOPLE WERE IN THAT PLACE TOGETHER IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THE CRIMINALS WILL BE GIVEN A SEVERE PUNISHMENT BEFITTING THEIR CRIME.
I SWEAR ON MY CROWN THAT I WONT FORGIVE THEM.
IN ANY CASE, I ENTRUST THE INVESTIGATION AND THE CAPTURE OF THE CRIMINALS TO YOU, CHANCELLOR KENT.
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WHAAA...?!
AND IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT A JUST AND FAIR INVESTIGATION, I WILL SEND OUT A TEAM OF INVESTIGATORS FROM HERE, TOO. SO PLEASE COOPERATE AND WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THIS CASE.
WHAT'S WITH THE QUEEN?
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AMAZING... HER AUTHORITY CAN REALLY BE FELT
SHE REALLY SEEMS LIKE A QUEEN.

THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED WERE ON THE SIDE OF THE CHANCELLOR. POLITICALLY SPEAKING, THINGS HAVE BECOME MUCH EASIER FOR BOTH YOU AND ME.
WE'RE NOW RID OF A LOT OF THE BOTHERSOME CHARACTERS...
HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING? PEOPLE ARE DEAD...
THIS MAY BE THE WORK OF SOME STRANGE DARK FORCE, SO WE'D BETTER BE CAREFUL.
WE COULD BE PUT IN A DIRE SITUATION IF WE ACT RASHLY.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT COMPLICATED STUFF LIKE POLITICS. ALL I KNOW IS THAT MURDER TOOK PLACE AND I DON'T WANT TO FORGIVE THE CRIMINAL FOR HIS ACT.

JUST YOU WAIT! I'LL SHOW THEM THE MEANING OF JUSTICE IN MY KINGDOM!
EHREN HWERUSUTE...
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY! IT'S IMPORTANT!!
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT ANOTHER DUEL, NO THANKS...
I'M AFRAID I DON'T WANT TO AGREE TO SUCH AN IGNORANT METHOD OF RESOLVING ISSUES.

STOP FOOLING AROUND, DAMMIT!
I'VE ALREADY LET YOU SLIDE QUITE A BIT...!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
THE SAME GOES FOR ME...
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WHAT IS IT? I'M BUSY, SO HURRY UP.
I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME.
MAKE UP AN EXCUSE TO REMOVE ME FROM THE POST OF QUEEN'S KNIGHT.

WHAT?
AND ANSWER ME CLEARLY! WHEN YOU DECIDED TO MARRY THE QUEEN...
...DID YOU KNOW THAT SHE HAD FEELINGS FOR RIENO?

AND WHAT IF I DID...?
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO IF I SAY THAT I KNEW YUNA LOVED RIENO AND I STILL DECIDED TO MARRY HER?
DAMMIT... I KNEW IT!
SHAMELESS JERK...
WE'RE BOTH GUARDIAN KNIGHTS, BUT YOU KEPT SO MANY SECRETS TO YOURSELF!
HUH?
LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION! WHAT'S THE REASON? WHY DO YOU WANT TO GIVE UP YOUR POST AS THE GUARDIAN KNIGHT?
WHY WOULD I GIVE YOU THIS INFORMATION FOR FREE, THEN?
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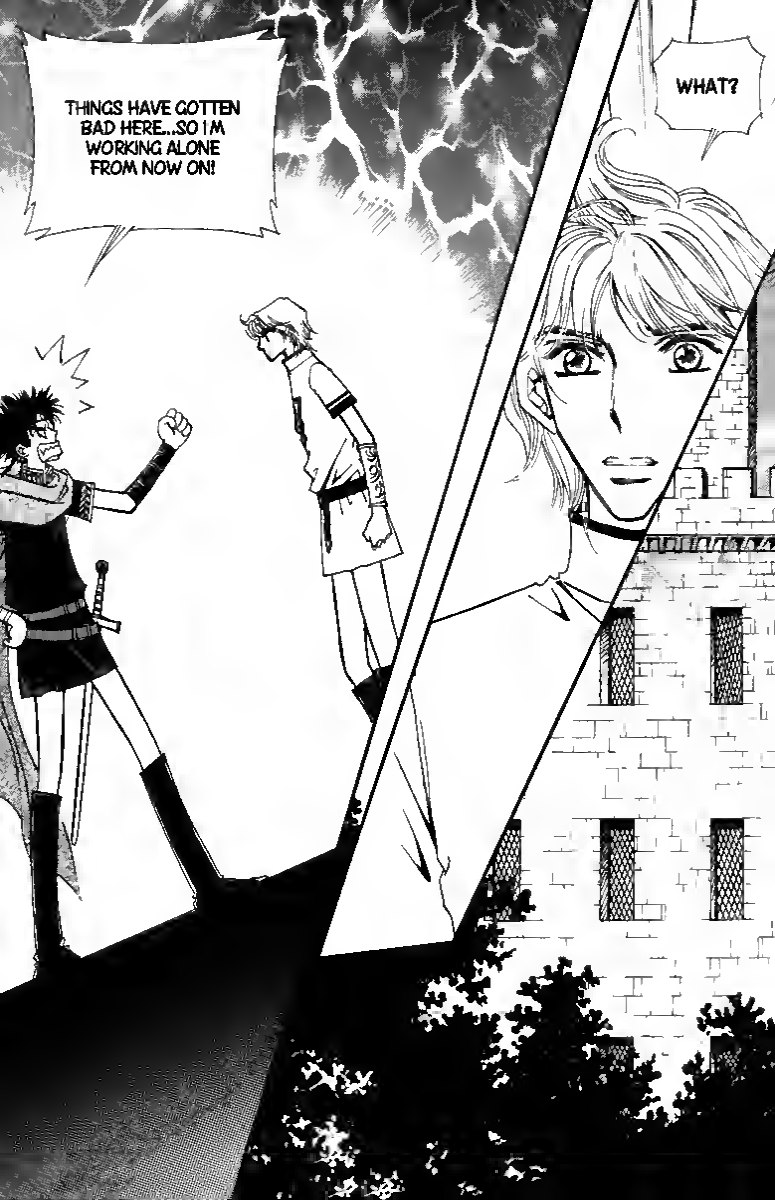
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DON'T TRY TO STOP ME!! I'M NOT LISTENING TO YOUR COMMANDS ANYMORE...
WHAT'S WITH THIS BELATED REBELLION? MY HEAD IS ACHING AS IT IS...
THIS GUY IS GOING TO DRIVE ME TO DRINK...
LIBERA!!

I SUPPOSE THIS WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE FOR US TO SPEAK PRIVATELY, AS YOU WANTED.
WHAT IS IT?
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EHREN! ARE YOU REALLY PLANNING ON GETTING MARRIED TO THAT GIRL?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON SHE IS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "THAT GIRL"?
DON'T PRETEND NOT TO UNDERSTAND!
WHO DO YOU THINK? THAT GIRL! THE QUEEN OR WHATEVER!
DO YOU KNOW THAT SHE'S DECEIVING US ALL?
I SAW IT ALL. I SAW HER HUGGING RIENO IN SECRET! THEY DON'T JUST HAVE A TYPICAL RELATIONSHIP!

AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT RIENO SAID? HE SAID HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE--OR PHANTASMA...
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD DO ANYTHING AS LONG AS HE COULD HAVE THE QUEEN!

EHREN! THE DISASTERS!! IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF THE QUEEN!
THE QUEEN AND RIENO!
SO?
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SO"?
PHANTASMA WON'T SURVIVE LIKE THIS!
WINTER IS COMING SOON...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT THE QUEEN WILL EVEN CONSIDER US AT ALL WHEN SHE'S SO IN LOVE WITH RIENO?

EHREN...
PLEASE, I BEG YOU!
WITH YOU...WITH YOU, I'M SURE...THAT I COULD GROW...
PLEASE CHOOSE ME.
I CAN BECOME THE NEW QUEEN...
LIBERA...

EHREN...IF YOU MARRY ME INSTEAD...I KNOW I CAN GROW.
AND WHEN I GROW I WILL GET RID OF THE QUEEN...
...AND WE'LL HAVE ETERNAL SPRING!
EHREN, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME...
.....
I'VE BEEN DREAMING OF THIS FOR A LONG TIME...

I CAN'T.
I...I CAN'T BE WITH YOU... I'M SORRY, LIBERA.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! WHY NOT?!
EVEN IF I WERE TO MARRY YOU AND EVEN IF YOU WERE TO GROW...
...RIENO WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE OATH OF BLOOD IN FRONT OF YOU AS THE QUEEN'S KNIGHT... ONLY THEN CAN YOU BECOME QUEEN.

AND THAT'S SOMETHING...THAT RIENO WON'T ALLOW RIGHT NOW.
WITHOUT THAT...
THE ONLY WAY FOR YOU TO SUCCEED TO THE THRONE AS QUEEN IS FOR YOU TO KILL THE CURRENT QUEEN WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.

I'M SORRY, BUT... WE DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP ON THE QUEEN JUST YET.
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WE...?
I'M FLATTERED THAT YOU...CHOSE ME, BUT...
...I CAN'T HELP YOU IN YOUR PLANS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WE"?

ARE YOU CRAZY? THE QUEEN DOESN'T LOVE YOU!
THAT WOMAN LOVES RIENO!! YOU MUST BE UNDER A SPELL OR SOMETHING!
EHREN, DO YOU...DO YOU REALLY LOVE HER?
EHREN HWERUSUTE..?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I'M GONNA KEEP QUIET?
THAT'LL JUST COMPLICATE THINGS.

COME ON OUT, LEON.
...?
GASP!
WHAT THE...? WHY IS HE HERE...?!
LIBERA, MEET YOUR NEW KNIGHT!

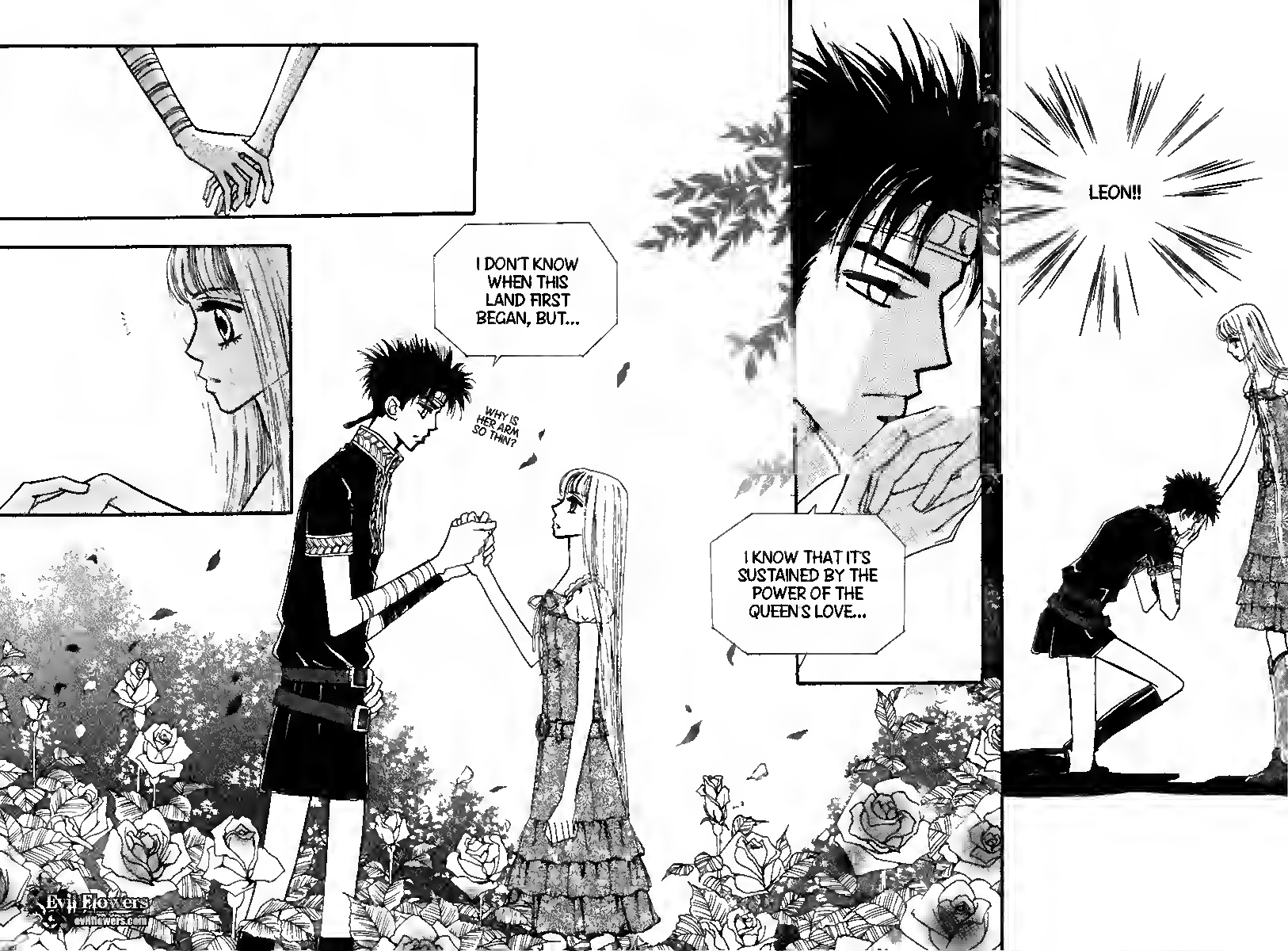
THIS GUY... HE WAS LISTENING THIS WHOLE TIME?!
I'M SORRY, BUT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT ONE OF OUR MEN ON YOU
WHAT...?
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW?
WE'RE ONLY BEING FAITHFUL TO OUR DUTY AS THE QUEEN'S KNIGHTS! NO MATTER WHO'S INVOLVED, OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO PROTECT THE QUEEN FROM DANGER.
ALWAYS THE SMOOTH TALKER.

EXCUSE ME?! LEON AS LIBERA'S KNIGHT?
SHE FAINTED!
LIBERA SAID SHE WANTED A KNIGHT? LEON...?
RECENTLY, A STRANGE MAN BEGAN TO FOLLOW THE PRINCESS... YADDA YADDA YADDA..
U.U SINCERE.
...SO PRINCESS LIBERA NEEDS A STRONG KNIGHT... YADDA YADDA YADDA..
WHAT AM I, A HANDBAG?

ANYWAY, INSTEAD OF A LOT OF WEAK KNIGHTS, IT'D BE BETTER WITH JUST LEON.
BUT WHY LEON ALL OF A SUDDEN? LEON, YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE LIBERA!
SO WHAT? THERE'S NO OTHER KNIGHT BETTER THAN ME.
ANYWAY, I CAN'T STAY ONE MORE MINUTE WITH MR. I-KNOW-EVERYTHING OVER HERE!
WAIT A SEC... LEON, COME OVER HERE...

PANT
PANT
PANT...
I CAN'T CATCH MY BREATH.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
BUT WHY LIBERA, OF ALL PEOPLE?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE, BUT...

IF I CAN'T STAY WITH THE WOMAN I WANT TO PROTECT AND LOVE...
...I MIGHT AS WELL GO PROTECT THE WOMAN THAT I HATE.
WHAT KIND OF REASONING IS THAT?!
ARE YOU REBELLING OR SOMETHING?
I'M A SIMPLE GUY. I STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR YOU, AND IF I STAY NEAR YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I MIGHT DO.
I THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR ME TO STAY WITH THE WOMAN THAT I HATE.
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?


I DON'T KNOW WHEN THIS LAND FIRST BEGAN, BUT...
WHY IS HER ARM SO THIN?
I KNOW THAT IT'S SUSTAINED BY THE POWER OF THE QUEEN'S LOVE...
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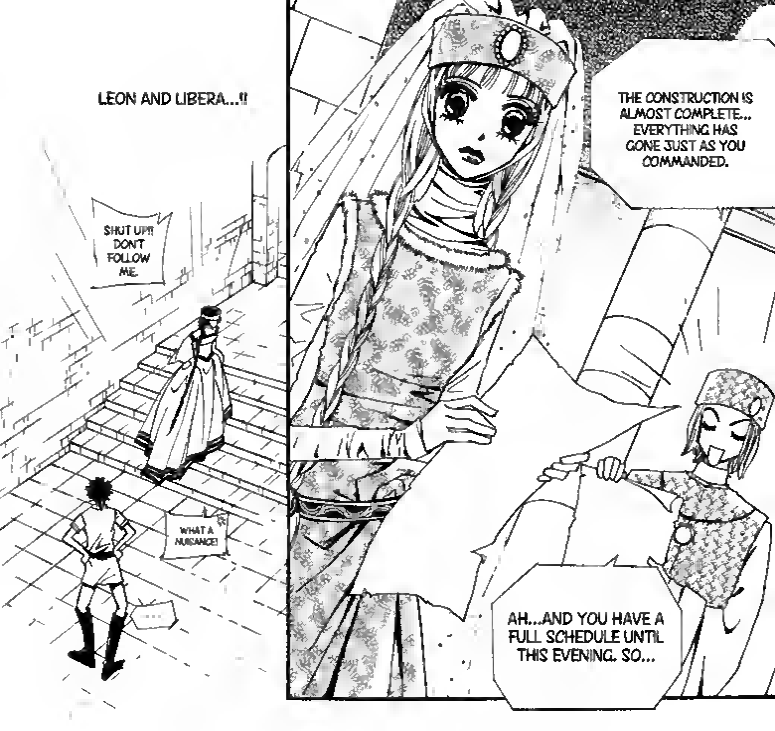
DON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE WHO MAKES YOU CRY.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF MEN WHO CAN MAKE YOU HAPPY...
I KNOW THAT IT'S HARD TO SWALLOW BUT PUBLIC OPINION ISN'T VERY FAVORABLE RIGHT NOW...
IT WOULD BE BEST FOR YOU TO AVOID THE CITY
CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE TO FACE IT UP LIKE THIS.
I EVEN HEARD THAT I'M A BAD CHARACTER AND THAT I'M UGLY
LEON...
NOW!!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? YOU WERE OVERCOME LAST TIME!
WHAT'S THAT? THAT WOMAN.
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING RIGHT NOW?
OKAY...!
THANK YOU...

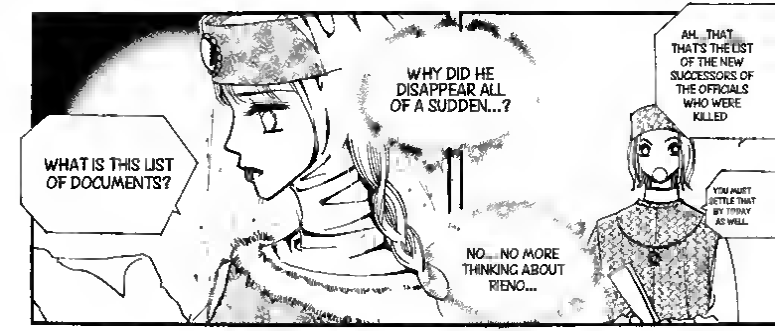
I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON LIBERA AND FIX HER NASTY HABITS... SHE'LL NEVER BOTHER YOU AGAIN.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, AND JUST FOCUS ON BEING THE BEST QUEEN YOU CAN BE.
ALL RIGHT...
BUT I'M STILL UPSET! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SUITED ME THE BEST...
NEITHER OF US KNOW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL... WE LIKE THE SAME FOODS...
DID YOU TELL LEON YET?
YOU REALLY ARE A SHAMELESS BASTARD, UNTIL THE VERY END...
UH-UH...I ONLY TOLD HIM ABOUT THE SLEEPING PILL HEMEL PREPARED FOR THE QUEEN.

HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW ME AROUND LIKE A SHADOW?
I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU OR EVEN KNOW YOU'RE THERE!!
I DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO TRY ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR USELESS PLOTS, SO I'M WATCHING YOUR EVERY MOVE, MISSY!!
YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW. I WARNED YOU AND YOU STILL WENT AND TOLD EHREN EVERYTHING.
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I'M A GUARDIAN KNIGHT?
IT IS MY DUTY TO GUARD THE QUEEN NO MATTER THE TASK.
DON'T BRING UP THAT GIRL IN FRONT OF ME!

EHREN AND EVERYONE... WHY DO YOU ALL TAKE HER SIDE? HUH?
SHE ACTS LIKE THE QUEEN ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT BEHIND THE SCENES, SHE'S GOING AROUND WITH RENO!
WATCH YOUR MOUTH, OR I'LL CLOSE IT FOR YOU!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY, EHREN WILL NEVER LOVE YOU
HMPH!


LEON AND LIBERA...!!
SHUT UP!! DON'T FOLLOW ME.
WHAT A NUISANCE!
THE CONSTRUCTION IS ALMOST COMPLETE... EVERYTHING HAS GONE JUST AS YOU COMMANDED.
AH...AND YOU HAVE A FULL SCHEDULE UNTIL THIS EVENING. SO...

ALREADY...HALF A MONTH HAS PASSED...


WHY HAVEN'T I HEARD NEWS ABOUT RIENO YET?
WHAT IS THIS LIST OF DOCUMENTS?
WHY DID HE DISAPPEAR ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
NO... NO MORE THINKING ABOUT RIENO...
AH... THAT THAT'S THE LIST OF THE NEW SUCCESSORS OF THE OFFICIALS WHO WERE KILLED
YOU MUST SETTLE THAT BY TODAY AS WELL.

I NEED TO CONCENTRATE MORE ON MY WORK, SINCE I MADE THAT RESOLUTION. THANKFULLY...THERE'S STILL MORE TO DO.
BUT...WHY DO I FEEL SO UNEASY...?
MY HEAD HURTS...
I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO THROW UP...
YOUR HIGHNESS...!!

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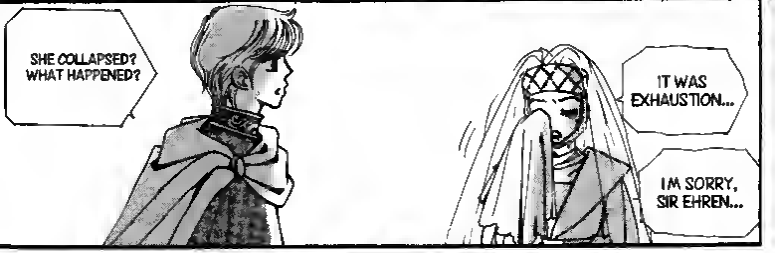
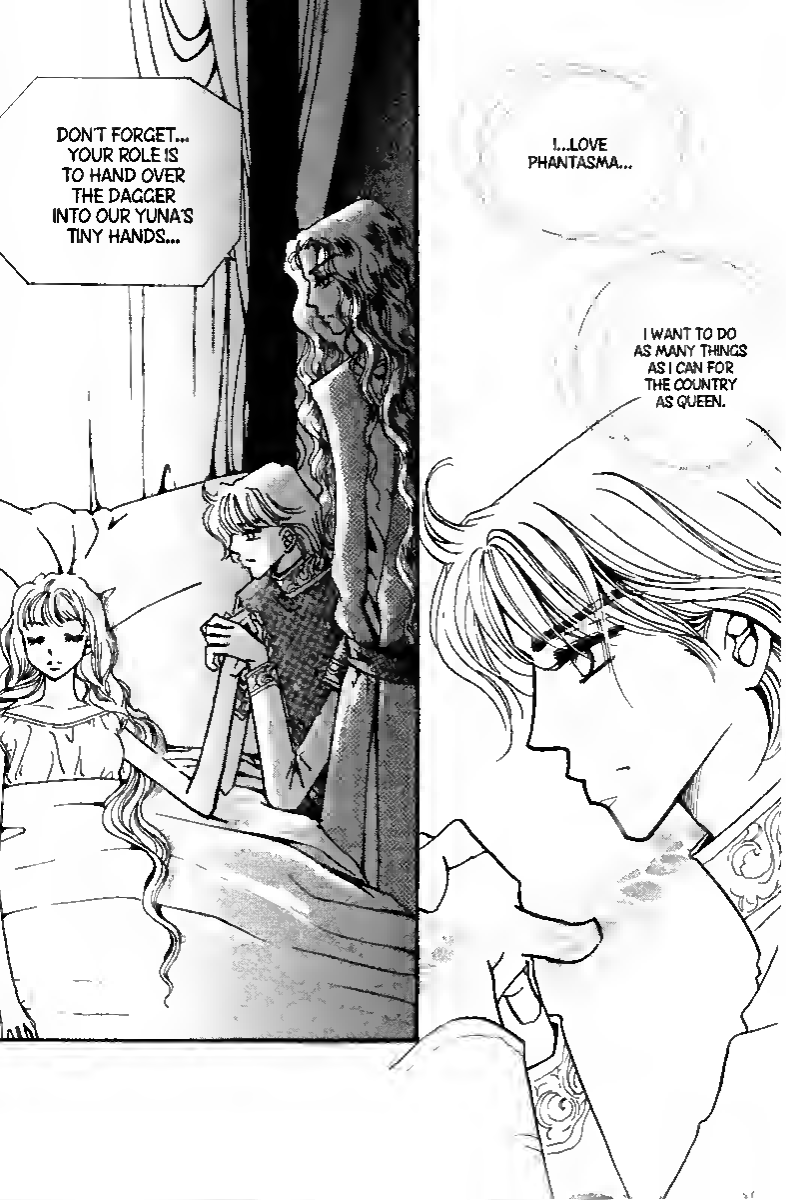

SHE COLLAPSED? WHAT HAPPENED?
IT WAS EXHAUSTION...
I'M SORRY, SIR EHREN...

SHE'S BEEN WORKING NIGHT AND DAY LATELY...
WHAT WITH THE RENOVATIONS ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE, THE FUNERALS FOR THE LIEGE LORDS. .NEW LAWS...
THERE'S ALWAYS A MOUNTAIN OF DOCUMENTS FOR HER TO REVIEW.
WHEN I CARRIED HER HERE...
...I WAS SHOCKED AT HOW LIGHT SHE'S BECOME. I DIDN'T KNOW BECAUSE OF HER CLOTHES, BUT SHE'S JUST SKIN AND BONES NOW...
PERHAPS WE'VE ASKED TOO MUCH OF HER.

IF YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE COURAGE TO EMBRACE HER WARMLY WHEN SHE'S HAVING A HARD TIME... AFTER MAKING A BIG FUSS ABOUT HOW YOU TWO ARE LOVERS...
THEN YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE IT UP RIGHT NOW.
I'M HELPING YOU BECAUSE OF MY GRANDFATHER'S REQUEST...
BUT IN CASE THAT YOU DON'T DO WHAT'S NEEDED...
...I'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT QUEEN FOR THE SAKE OF PHANTASMA, OR COOPERATE WITH WINTER SLUMBER.


DON'T FORGET... YOUR ROLE IS TO HAND OVER THE DAGGER INTO OUR YUNA'S TINY HANDS...
I...LOVE PHANTASMA...
I WANT TO DO AS MANY THINGS AS I CAN FOR THE COUNTRY AS QUEEN.

SO. I'VE MADE UP MY MIND...IT'S MY REQUEST ..PLEASE LET ME SEE RENO...
I JUST WANT TO SAY GOODBYE... BECAUSE THIS WILL BE OUR LAST...
GIVE HER SOME OF THAT MEDICINE OVER THERE.
I'M LEAVING HER IN YOUR HANDS...
SO NURSE HER WELL.

WHAT?
HEH...YOU HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD THE RUMORS SPREADING ALL THROUGHOUT THE PALACE, BECAUSE YOU'VE BECOME ANOTHER WOMAN'S KNIGHT!
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU FOLLOW HER TO BANQUETS EVERY NIGHT? DON'T PULL THAT FACE WITH ME.
SHUT UP!
I KNOW SHE'S GOT SOMETHING UP HER SLEEVE, DAMMIT.
ANYWAY, WHO CARES?! IS YUNA...I MEAN, THE QUEEN, ALL RIGHT?!
HA HA HA!
HO HO HO HO!
HA HA HA HA!
HUH?

HO HO...THEN LET'S GO PLAY ON THE BOATS ON THE LAKE OUTSIDE THE WESTERN WALL OF THE CASTLE!
SURE, PRINCESS!!
THAT'S STRANGE! DID SHE ALWAYS PLAY SO MUCH?
PLAY ON THE BOATS?!
WERE THOSE RUMORS THAT SHE'S BEEN SEEN WITH A NEW YOUNG SUITOR EVERY NIGHT REALLY TRUE?
SURE!!
Best Suitors in all of Phantasma
I'M BUSY, SO I GOTTA GO. BUT TAKE GOOD CARE OF YUNA!
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DAMMIT...WHERE IS THAT WOMAN OFF TO TONIGHT?
SHE SHOULD JUST STAY AT HOME AND PLAY WITH HER BIRDS!!
....
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
SNAP TO ATTENTION

I'M THE PRINCESS KNIGHT, SO TREAD CAREFULLY, BUB.
HEY...HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HOW RUDE...
SPLASH!

YOU AWAKE?
EAT...AND WHEN YOU FEEL BETTER, LET'S PREPARE FOR OUR JOURNEY.
I'VE FOUND RIENO...
MY COURIER FINALLY MET HIM.

HEY, SEUNG HUN!
I HEARD YOU JOINED EVIL FLOWERS. SO, YOU CAN SPEED UP THE PROCESS FOR MY FAVORITE MANGA, RIGHT?
SORRY, BUT I'M WORKING ON ANOTHER PROJECT.
WHAT?! YOU JACKASS!!!
SHUT UP!
AREN'T YOU MY FRIEND? GO TRANSLATE!
EVEN IF I DID TRANSLATE, THERE WON'T BE ANY EDITOR TO HELP.
Where are our editors?
...ARE YOU SERIOUS?

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YOU'VE WORKED TOO HARD RECENTLY, SO WE'RE GOING ON A JOURNEY TO RESTORE YOUR HEALTH.
WHERE'S THE MEETING PLACE?
WE'LL LEAVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WITHOUT GUARDS OR SOLDIERS. WE CAN SLIP AWAY TO THE MEETING PLACE WHERE RIENO IS WAITING.
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IT'S A UNIQUE PLACE...
RIENO PICKED IT... NEAR THE FOREST OF DARKNESS...
PANT... (PANT...) PANT...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? IS THIS TOO MUCH FOR YOU?!
I'M OKAY.
AH...DEAR MOON...
PLEASE GIVE ME COURAGE...

MY HEART...
...KEEPS HAMMERING AWAY...
I'M JUST HERE TO SAY MY GOODBYES...
YOU DON'T THINK ANYTHING STRANGE WILL HAPPEN JUST BECAUSE I'M WITH RIENO, DO YOU?
LIKE THE STORM LAST TIME...
I HOPE NOTHING HAPPENS...
IF IT DOES...IT WOULD BE MUCH TOO CRUEL.

THE SCARS HAVEN'T HEALED YET...
BUT...
I NEVER KNEW THAT FIGHTING FOR A WOMAN INSTEAD OF MYSELF COULD EMPOWER ME LIKE THIS...
I REALLY DIDN'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.
EXCEPT THAT I WANTED TO PROTECT HER...

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THIS IS GOOD... JUST WAIT HERE FOR ME.
IT'S MUCH TOO DANGEROUS BEYOND THIS POINT...

...THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO GO WITH YOU AS FAR AS I CAN.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. DON'T WORRY...I'LL BE FINE.

THANK YOU... EHREN...
I'M... REALLY NERVOUS RIGHT NOW.. IF YOU COULD SAY A LITTLE PRAYER FOR ME...
AND WITH THOSE WORDS...
...SHE BEGAN TO RUN INTO THE COMPLETE DARKNESS OF THE FOREST... IT LOOKED AS THOUGH IT WAS SWALLOWING HER WHOLE.

WITHOUT ANY FEAR AT ALL, SHE...

WAS IT BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT RIENO WAS WAITING FOR HER THERE?
BECAUSE THE MAN SHE DESPERATELY WANTED TO SEE WAS INSIDE THAT FOREST?
IS THAT WHY SHE IS ABLE TO RUN INTO A FOREST THAT EVEN GROWN MEN FIND DIFFICULT TO GO INTO WITH A CLEAR HEAD...?
TRUSTING IN...HIM...

PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
AH...

AAAAIIII!!!
UGH...

YUNA...

RIENO!!

STUPID! WHY'D YOU PICK A PLACE SUCH AS THIS TO MEET ME?!
I WAS SO SCARED, I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE..

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IT'S OKAY...
RIENO...
AH...
RIENO...
...I'VE STAKED MY LIFE ON THIS SOUND...YOUR HEARTBEAT...

RIENO...
I'VE... I'VE COME TO SAY FAREWELL. ...
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 13

IN THE NEXT VOLUME OF...

THE QUEEN'S KNIGHT

YUNA IGNORES THE PLEA OF HER LOVE, RIENO, AND TURNS HER BACK ON HIM TO FULFILL HER DUTIES AS PHANTSAMA'S QUEEN AND ACHIEVE GREATER GOOD. HOWEVER, RINEO'S ANGER AND SORROW INCREASES ACTIVITIES AND THE NUMBER OF DARK CREATURES IN THE FOREST OF DARKNESS, AND IT SEEMS THAT THE LAND YUNA SO DEARLY LOVES CANNOT AVOID AN ALL-OUT WAR WITH THE EVIL CREATURES OF THE FOREST. BUT RIENO'S LOVE PROBLEM SEEMS TRIVIAL AS CHANCELLOR KENT'S INVESTIGATION REVEALS HIM TO BE THE KILLER OF THE LIEGE LORDS. AS PUNISHMENT FOR HIS CRIME, RIENO IS ASSIGNED TO HEAD OFF THE TROOP THAT'LL ENGAGE IN THE FIRST ROUND OF BATTLE WITH THE DARK CREATURES...

COMING SOON!